

Goya painting returns to Spain after £4m compensation agreed

By Geraldine Norman and Richard Wigg

The Goya masterpiece at the centre of a dispute over ownership has been acquired by the Kingdom of Spain, at a cost of \$6 million (£4.1 million). Agreement was reached on Wednesday night, after eight days of intensive negotiations.

Christie's, who were to auction the painting, the *Marquesa de Santa Cruz*, this morning, yesterday dismantled the bullet-proof glass protecting it and removed the picture from view at 8 am. The valuation is substantially below the \$15 million (£10.25 million) that was being talked of in the trade as a fair market price, but Lord Wimborne, who owned the picture through a family trust, said yesterday that he is happy with the price. He is believed to have sold the picture at a profit of £3 million.

The Spanish government alleged that the painting had been illegally exported from Spain. After Christie's announced in January that they intended to auction the painting on April 11, Spain called on them to withdraw it from sale and return it.

When Christie's and Lord Wimborne replied that the picture had left Spain with a valid export licence the Spanish government asked the British High Court to rule on the validity of the export document. Christie's and Lord Wimborne attempted to have the case struck out as being outside the jurisdiction of the British court, but failed.

Private negotiations between Lord Wimborne and the Spanish government for the picture's return came to nothing last year. This time Sir Matthew Farber, the Queen's Solicitor, and Thomas Agnew, the Bond Street dealers, acted on behalf of the Spanish authorities, while Christie's represented Lord Wimborne.

The negotiations were conducted in the framework of the new code of practice for the control of international trading in works of art, agreed between the auctioneers and dealers' associations last year.

The saga began in 1983 when the London dealer, Mr Michael Simpson, was approached by Señor Pedro Saorin, a Spanish businessman, offering the painting. He said that the Spanish government had given him an export licence in return for a favour.

Observer 'bribed Civil Servant'

The Observer acquired confidential Ministry of Defence information by bribing a senior Civil Servant, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

The newspaper handed over £1,500 to Mr Raymond Williams, aged 39, who worked for the Ministry in Bath, the prosecution claimed.

The Observer Ltd, denies two charges of corruption. It is alleged that in November 1983 in Bath and in London, it paid Mr Williams an inducement or reward for orally providing information obtained in the course of his employment, and for providing documents, particularly a letter and a minute belonging to the Ministry of Defence.

The company was represented in court by Mr William Denny, QC. Mr Donald Trefford, editor of *The Observer*, was in court.

Mr Ian Kennedy, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that *The Observer* used information gained from Mr Williams in an article headed: *Defence Cover-up: Scandal of the wasted millions*. The article was written by Patrick

Princess speaks on hijacks

Princess Michael of Kent yesterday criticized newspapers and television for reporting every "gruesome" detail of hijackings, which served only to publicize spurious causes.

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Lord Wimborne with the Goya masterpiece, which is being returned to Spain after protracted negotiations

Satanist quotes powers from Bible

Derry Mainwaring Knight, the self-styled satanist who had refused to take an oath on the Bible, yesterday held the same Bible in court and read from it.

Mr Knight said he wanted to prove that the Christian church had artefacts with power, influence and control over people as well as satanism.

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Asbestos conviction quashed

Intasun Holidays was cleared by the High Court yesterday of allowing employees to be exposed to dangerous asbestos during building work at its offices in Grattan Road, Bradford, in 1984.

Quashing Intasun's conviction by Bradford magistrates last May, Mr Justice Russell said the prosecution was not supported by evidence.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice Farquharson agreed that Intasun's appeal should be allowed and a £250 fine and £321 costs order should be set aside. Intasun was awarded costs against the city council.

Mr Justice Russell said the prosecution failed before it began. It had been brought by the city solicitor in the name of the council's environmental health officer, as the law required.

Mr Justice Russell said Intasun's general manager alerted the environmental health authority when asbestos fibres were released into the atmosphere.

Employees on the fourth floor stopped work immediately, but there was no evidence to show whether those near the contaminated area were allowed to remain at their work places.

Half an hour after the discovery the area was evacuated by an environmental health inspector.

Vicar is remanded in custody

A former vicar appeared in court at Hull yesterday accused of offences involving indecency towards children aged between 10 and 14.

The Rev Jan Knox, aged 53, of St Michael's vicarage, Hull, Humberstone, was remanded in custody for seven days.

The alleged offences, said to have taken place between October 1983 and January 1985, comprise three of buggery, 28 of indecent assault, four of them against girls, and five of gross indecency.

Twenty-three offences were alleged to have been committed at St Michael's vicarage. The rest were allegedly committed in a caravan near Beverley, Humberstone, a lorry on the Beverley High Road and at the Bikeland Trial Park.



The Rev Jan Knox, who faces 28 charges.

Corporal faces murder charge

Lance Corporal John Philip Walton, aged 28, who is stationed in Cyprus with the Life Guards, was remanded in custody by Esher and Walton magistrates yesterday, charged with murdering Michael Joannou, an Epsom public house landlord, found strangled on his lawn last week.

His wife, Mrs Marion Joannou, aged 35, of Cornish Gardens, Thames Ditton, was charged with impeding the arrest of Lance Corporal Walton. She was remanded on bail.

Early drinkers were on Rhum

An archaeological excavation resumed yesterday on the Hebridean island of Rhum, which has yielded the earliest evidence of alcohol in Scotland.

A team hopes to discover the location of a mesolithic camp at Kinloch, the oldest known site of human habitation in Scotland, used about 6,000 years ago.

Judge injured rescuing cat

Mr Justice Roch, aged 52, was recovering in hospital yesterday after falling 20 feet and breaking a leg while trying to rescue his cat from a tree at his home in Haverfordwest, Dyfed. The cat escaped unhurt.

Writer fined

Mr William Deedes, former editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, was yesterday fined £40 and had his driving licence endorsed by Folkestone magistrates after pleading guilty to parking too close to a pelican crossing in New Romney, Kent.

Walking leads outdoor activities

Britain's most popular outdoor activity was walking, although more people were turning to jogging to keep fit, latest government figures show.

More than 29 per cent of men and 18 per cent of women said they had undertaken a walk of at least two miles within the past month.

Swimming and football still held their attractions, but many men had given up tennis and cricket. The popularity of jogging and athletics had risen from 1 per cent to 3 per cent since 1977.

Among indoor sports, darts were played by 11 per cent of men, compared with 15 per cent in 1977. The number of women players remained the same at 4 per cent. Snooker, billiards and pool were increasingly attractive with 15 per cent of men taking part, a 4 per cent rise since 1977.

For women, swimming, keep-fit and yoga had the most devotees after walking.

The figures feature in a booklet, which caters generously to those fascinated by statistics, although many figures do not go beyond 1984. As well as providing a balance sheet for the nation's accounts it gives detailed population statistics.

The £10 billion bang

politicians concerned and sets out the options that remain as time runs out.

Mrs Thatcher refuses to reconsider. But she may find that she is

burdened with the most expensive purchase - politically as well as financially - that a shopkeeper's daughter ever made.

Also this week, Paul Johnson wonders whether Labour appreciate the media opportunity in front of them. Alastair Forbes remembers the indiscreet charm of Duff Cooper. William Deedes compares the Australian cricket crisis with our own.

And 'Absolute Beginners' is reviewed by Peter Ackroyd: "It uncovers all those potent little seeds of tackiness and despair which flourish in our time" - which is why he likes the film where others don't.

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THE SPECTATOR

What will be nineteen yards longer than Westminster Abbey, cost almost £10 billion, lurk, dead silent, beneath the Atlantic ocean ... yet be no more than a sparrow beside the American eagle?

In this week's *Spectator* Timothy Garton Ash opens up the huge metal tube of worms that is Trident.

Is it a necessary replacement for Polaris? Or will it squeeze the defence budget till the pips squeak?

And just what is our 'special relationship' with America? Would Trident be more popular if it were controlled by Britain alone?

In the most important article yet published on the subject that is "Westland to the power of one hundred," Garton Ash fully reveals the machinations of the

Bidder for Land Rover accuses Channon of 'changing the rules'

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday issued new guidelines to potential bidders for Land Rover in an attempt to defuse an acrimonious dispute between his department and two of the original bidders. At one stage during the day the Land Rover management consortium threatened complete withdrawal. Along with rivals Lomho they accused Mr Channon of "changing the rules" to permit a last-minute approach by a third potential bidder, Mr Joseph Bamford, the north Staffordshire manufacturer of construction machinery. They were also unhappy that he appeared prejudicial towards Mr Bamford by arranging to visit the company's Rochester plant today only three days after the chairman, Mr Anthony Bamford, had thrown his cap into the ring. A J.C. Bamford spokesman said: "Mr Channon's visit was arranged some two months ago, although we were rather surprised and of course delighted when he decided to go ahead in the present circumstances."

firm understanding that only those parties who had indicated interest by the original March 4 deadline would be allowed to submit proposals by the new deadline set for next Tuesday. He told *The Times*: "This could go on for ever. We could be trying to settle this business next Christmas if Mr Channon keeps accepting new approaches. We have already waited two months. Our backers are committing very large sums of money to this venture and they cannot afford to do that indefinitely. The indication is also threatening new Land Rover export orders now in the final stages of negotiation." But last night a DTI spokesman said Mr Channon had now made it clear to both original bidders that "He expects the present time-frame to remain in place with no material extensions."

Pet cancer treatment gives hope to humans

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Progress in the treatment of animals suffering from cancer is offering more hope to human victims as well as their pets, leading veterinary surgeons said yesterday. The Animal Health Trust, a charity which helps horses, dogs and cats with medical conditions, launched an appeal for almost £1 million to fund new projects, including cancer research. The rate of cancer in dogs is greater than in humans, and large numbers of cats are also affected, Mr Brian Singleton, director of the trust and past president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, said at the Kennel Club in London. The trust, of which the Queen is the patron, is seeking £365,000 to buy radiotherapy and other equipment to treat pets such as Hoopy, a nine-year-old Boxer with skin cancer. New equipment is also being sought to treat eye conditions in dogs such as Kirsty, a three-year-old German shepherd guide dog. Dr Larry Owen, the trust's expert in animal cancers, said: "Our work is of increasing benefit to humans as well as pets. The exchange of information between the two medical disciplines is very important."



Kirsty with its owner, Miss Nickette Finlan, at the launch of the £1 million appeal yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Lambeth scheme to employ rebels

By Anthony Evins, Political Correspondent

Lambeth Labour Party is considering a plan to take Mr Ted Knight and 29 other disqualified councillors on to the council payroll if the party is returned to power in the May 8 elections. Party sources said yesterday that the banned councillors were facing possible surcharges of as much as £8,000 each, and the scheme to give them jobs had been devised to help them overcome their financial crisis. Salaries would be fixed at a suitably high level, to take account of the surcharges which had been imposed as a result of their "loyalty to Labour policy" in defiance of Conservative government rates cuts. It is proposed that they would be offered jobs as special "advisers" to the council, which would also mean that they would effectively lose little of the political power that they held before they were barred from office for five years, at midnight on April 2. Mr Knight and his colleagues lost their appeals against surcharge and disqualification on March 5, when Mr Knight said that he was expecting to be made bankrupt.

Irradiation 'no risk' to food standards

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Irradiation of food within specified limits provided an acceptable method of preserving food, and posed no risk to public health, according to a report by a government-appointed advisory committee, published yesterday. The committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Arnold Burgin, Master of Darwin College, Cambridge, says it is satisfied that ionizing irradiation up to 10 kilograys (a standard radiation measurement) would not lead to a significant change in the natural radioactivity of the food or prejudice its safety and wholesomeness. Irradiation, used in other countries but so far banned in Britain, can be used to destroy the spoilage organisms in food; delay the ripening of fruit and the sprouting of certain vegetables; and control insect infestation of grain and other stored products. The report suggests that if food irradiation were permitted in the United Kingdom, regulatory controls and practices would need to be introduced at the same time. The Food Advisory Committee says that there should be a law requiring irradiated food to be labelled to inform purchasers.

£7m proposal for Whitehall reform

By Colin Hughes

Proposals for breathing new life into Whitehall by appointing teams of political advisers in every government department are made today by an ad hoc group chaired by Sir John Hoskyns, former head of the Prime Minister's think tank. The group, publishing its programme before an Institute of Directors conference next month on creating fresh skills in government, says that the first main reform of the machinery of British government since the Second World War would cost only £7.7 million. Sir John, now director-general of the institute, said the plan would be a British adaptation of the French ministerial cabinet system. The machinery of government is out-of-date and unable to tackle the nation's most pressing problems, he says. Ministers are overworked; Civil Servants wrestle with political neutrality; the 30-year rule makes it impossible to learn from past mistakes. There is no long-term planning and little co-ordination between departments; outsiders are rarely used, and opposition policy is prepared on a shoestring. The group proposes that every Cabinet minister should have an executive office, staffed by an extra six to eight political appointees, who would act independently from the traditional career Civil

Service as experts, researchers and advisers. They would tackle long-term issues, relieve the minister of day-to-day party and constituency work burdens, and keep ministers informed about issues affecting the whole of government. At a cost of £350,000 for each department, the proposal could be implemented within a week of any government taking office. "Executive offices would represent the first step towards a technology for the 1990s," the group says. Executive offices could be created not only in parliamentary departments but also in the Prime Minister and a "mini-cabinet" adjustment in departmental budgets. "Longer term changes would require lengthy debate within Parliament; many would require detailed legislation. We put forward here a first step on which the more cautious reformers and the more radical should be able to find common ground." The paper, titled *Re-skilling Government*, has been written by Mr Peter Hennessy of the Policy Studies Institute; Mr Graham Mather, head of the institute's policy unit; Mr Norman Strans, formerly of the Downing Street policy unit; and Dr William Wallace, of the Royal Institute for International Affairs, and will be submitted to a conference at the institute on May 12.

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Ferry sails and takes strikers

A Felixstowe ferry was seized by its owners in a dawn raid and sailed to Rotterdam yesterday with 21 striking crew members still on board. A dozen Dutch seamen, hired by the owners, Townsend Thoresen, boarded the 8,590 tonne Doric Ferry at 3.30am and set sail. The crew, who had been sitting in on the freight ferry for five weeks, were asleep when the ship left the port. The Doric Ferry arrived at Rotterdam late yesterday. Townsend Thoresen said the action, which came on the day talks aimed at ending the strike were to resume, was necessary to recover 67 containers of freight on board. The Doric Ferry had been strike-bound at the Suffolk port because of a manning dispute. The NUS Felixstowe port committee yesterday described the company action as "industrial piracy".

Rare sand lizards' ideal home

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent
A clutch of young lizards will be let loose in sand dunes near the Royal Birkdale golf course on Merseyside today in an effort to protect one of Britain's most rare wild animals from extinction. They are sand lizards, which are larger and more colourful than the common lizard that is sometimes found in gardens. Mr Keith Corbett, who brought the three-inch-long newcomers to Merseyside from a reptile farm in Surrey, said that the sand lizards looked different from their commoner southern brethren. Sand lizards, which lived among marram grass, were more striped than the spotted ones that lived in heather. "The sand lizards have been isolated for at least 2,000 years," Mr Corbett, who is conservation officer for the British Herpetological Society, said. Reptile researchers believe that there are only between 5,000 and 10,000 sand lizards left in Britain, of which most live in Dorset heathland with a few surviving near the western boundaries of Surrey. A few hundred also survive in ideal conditions in sand dunes at Southport. The animals are not poisonous, and have the highest degree of protection under wildlife law. Mr Corbett said that 50 years ago there were about 10,000 of the animals near Southport. The society had started to capture wild sand lizards with the permission of the Nature Conservancy Council, the wildlife quango. The animals were then encouraged to lay eggs at the Surrey farm, and in the year after breeding the hatched offspring were let loose in the countryside.

Social worker wins appeal

One of three social workers dismissed last December after the death of Jasmine Beckford, aged four, has been reinstated. Mr William Thompson was reinstated as principal court officer at Brent council, north-west London, after a two-day appeal hearing. The girl's stepfather, Maurice Beckford, is serving a 10-year sentence for manslaughter.

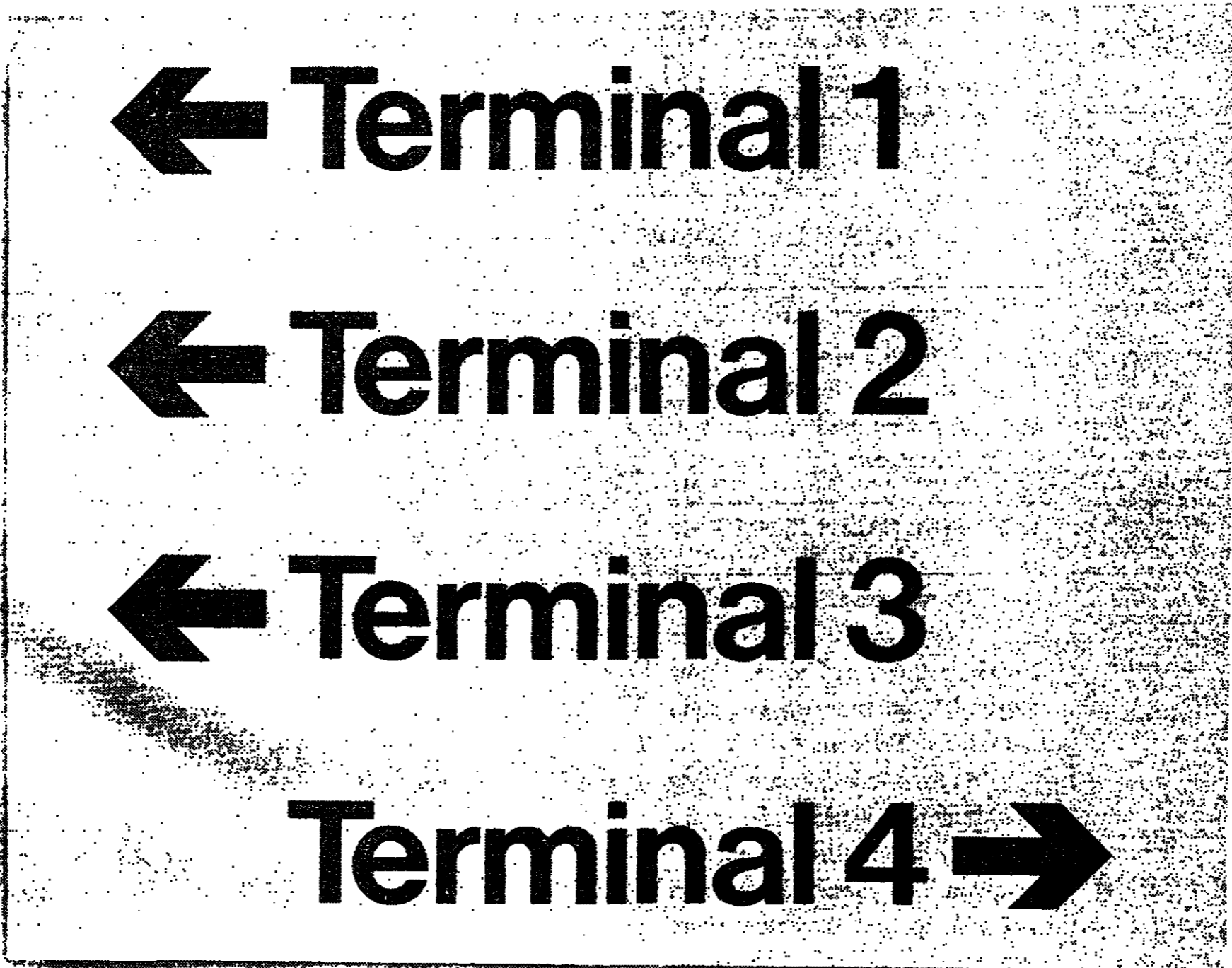
Puppets sale

Felham Puppets, the famous puppet and toy-making firm, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, which was forced into voluntary liquidation in January, has been bought from the receiver by Mr Charles Wrey, aged 37, a businessman.

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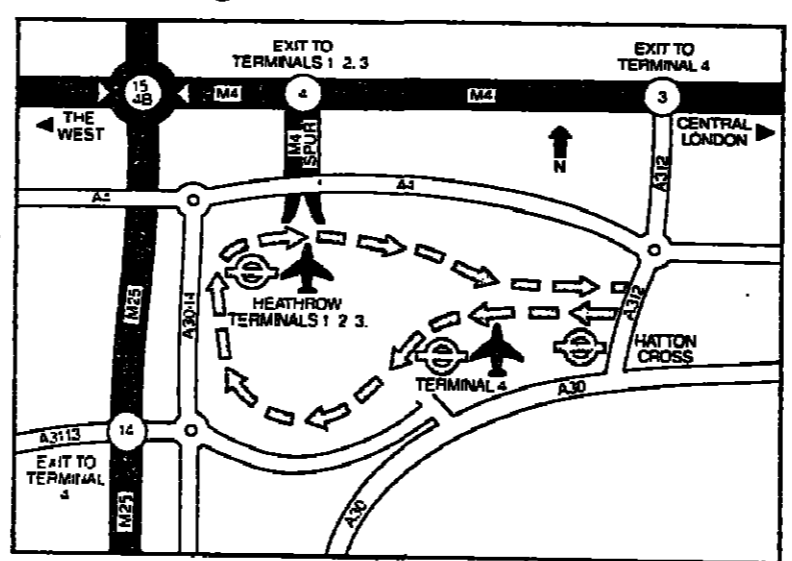
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Slabbert vows to combat apartheid with the people

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, former liberal opposition leader in the South African Parliament, made his first important political appearance here on Wednesday night since resigning in February as leader of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP).

He told nearly 1,000 people of all races packed into the Johannesburg Town Hall that he was still an "apprentice" in extra-parliamentary politics, but he believed that the debate about South Africa's future would now be conducted outside Parliament. He wanted to be part of it.

Only when the ban on organizations like the African National Congress (ANC) was lifted and political prisoners released would "the possibility begin to exist for negotiations with the real leaders of the country", he declared.

The meeting was organized by the multiracial United Democratic Front (UDF), and Dr Slabbert spoke in front of a huge banner urging whites to join. The organization claims about a million members and shares the political aims of the outlawed ANC.

Dr Slabbert has not yet joined the UDF, though he seems to be moving in that direction. Opposing apartheid from within Parliament was an honourable tradition, he said, but "protesting against apartheid was not the same as changing it".

Johannesburg City Council refused permission for the meeting in the Town Hall chamber, and it was held in a small upstairs room. Many people who could not get in spilled out into the street.

There were jeers and cries of "get out, get out" when police tried to warn of a bomb scare. The crowd considered the warning a police hoax.

Meanwhile, as widespread violence continued, police shot dead a black man early yesterday when they surprised a group preparing to throw petrol bombs at a white high school in Randfontein, east of Johannesburg.

Residents of the Winterveld shanty town 20 miles north-west of Pretoria claimed that three black youths were shot dead on Wednesday by police of the Bophuthatswana tribal "homeland".

Minister accuses Suzman of sabotage

Cape Town (Reuter) - A South African Cabinet minister denounced a leading newspaper in a stormy parliamentary debate yesterday, and another caused a partial opposition walkout when he called the veteran anti-apartheid campaigner, Mrs Helen Suzman, a "saboteur of the police".

The Law and Order Minister, Mr Louis Le Grange, accused the Cape Times of being a mouthpiece of the banned African National Congress (ANC).

As Mr Le Grange made a hardline speech in defence of the police, who have been accused of using excessive force in black townships, the National (white) Education Minister, Mr F.W. de Klerk, interrupted to make his accusation against Mrs Suzman, a member of the opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP).

When the chairman of the house ruled that "sabotage" was not an parliamentary term, almost all the white liberal Opposition members walked out.

Mr Le Grange accused the Cape Times of "biased and slanted attacks on the Government", and said that unless it changed its tone it would share the fate of the Rand Daily Mail, a Johannesburg daily closed down as unprofitable last year.



The Statue of Liberty holds a new torch after being given a facelift before her centenary celebrations on July 4.

Problems of the Lone Star state Party is over as oil slump forces painful austerity

From Trevor Fishlock, Houston

Texas and its oil state neighbours feel left out of the fun.

All over America people are filling up with cheap petrol. It is selling for as little as 70 cents a gallon (about 56p a British gallon) and in an exuberant publicity splash one garage was selling 10 gallons for 1 cent.

Gas-guzzling guilt has vanished, and what with cheap fuel at home and terrorism abroad, many Americans are planning motoring holidays in their own country. It's just like the old, pre-oil scare days.

The astonishing fall in oil prices, from \$28 to \$12 a barrel in three months, makes petrol as cheap in Texas as anywhere in America. But that is little consolation in Texas, or in Louisiana and Oklahoma, all of which have been hard hit by the slump.

For these three states the party is over. Hard-pressed oil businesses and banks are dumping people like sand from sagging balloons. This week Tenecco, Houston's second largest company, laid off another 500 people in the city. Houston took it with the resigned air of a community used to such blows and expecting more.

There is concern about bank losses and fear of the collapses of banks which roped them-

selves too tightly to energy and property. Out on the Texas prairie many farmers are in crisis. Hundreds are broke and furious. Economists cannot agree. One school argues that cheap oil is a sure creator of wealth and jobs. Another warns that damage to a state as economically significant as Texas, and to banks which have a large stake in oil, is potentially dangerous for the country.

Many Texans, traditionally believers in market forces, are demanding the shield of top-tax.

The crash makes Texas look soberly towards its future. There is an edge of remorse to the hangover, a wish that something had been set aside in better times.

Texas has always been devoted to "let her rip" wide open business ideas. It has blossomed without much planning.

Texas has deplored and resisted government interference, although the fact is that Texas has done well from government initiatives. It has both raised its fist and held out its hand. Because of its sink-or-swim philosophy, it provides one of the lowest levels of public services in America. It prides itself on having no state income tax.

But money has to come from somewhere. Will Tex. be taxed? You can be sure out of town for suggesting it, but not come to that. At 150, it might be said, Texas is emerging with some pain from freewheeling adolescence.

There have always been tough times, but this particularly severe period is likely to mould a sobered, more realistic, more mature Texas.

Last-ditch wage deal in Sweden

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The so-called Swedish model of highly-centralized wage negotiations, badly battered in recent years, lived to fight another day yesterday when a new bout of industrial action was avoided at the last minute.

A pay agreement, signed less than two hours before a strike of white collar workers was due to start, also averted the first serious domestic test of the abilities of Sweden's new Prime Minister, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, who took over after the murder of Mr Olof Palme on February 28.

While ministers welcomed the deal for avoiding damaging industrial action, however, sources close to the Finance Minister, Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, expressed grave doubts about Sweden's ability to preserve its competitiveness after such a settlement.

Generally, however, there was a feeling of relief as the Swedish Employers' Confederation, SAF, shook hands with the bargaining organization, PTK, on a two-year deal that will give white collar workers in private industry about 5.5 per cent more from April 1 this year, and another 4 per cent increase from January 1 next year. They will also get a lump sum of £60.

An 18-year-old white collar worker in private industry in Sweden will now earn at least £555 a month this year and £585 next year.

The chairman of the PTK, Mr Bertil Blomqvist, promptly called off the strike of 18,000 key workers which had been due to start at 1.00 pm BST yesterday. The SAF chairman, Mr Olof Ljunggren, called off today's proposed lock-out of 300,000 workers.

Gun lobby wins half its battle

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The House of Representatives yesterday voted 292-136 to ease several restrictions of the 1968 Gun Control Act.

But after an emotional debate the Democrat-controlled House maintained an 18-year-old ban on interstate handgun sales.

The Bill now goes to the Republican-majority Senate which last year approved a similar measure. Senators can accept the House Bill or send the issue to a Senate-House conference to iron out the differences.

The vote yesterday followed intense lobbying by the powerful National Rifle Association (NRA) and rival handgun control advocates.

Both sides in the gun control controversy can claim a measure of victory. The NRA won the right to have firearms transported between states and an easing of record keeping requirements for gun dealers.

The handgun control groups won a vote for retention of an interstate handgun sales ban, although the ban on interstate rifle and shotgun sales would be lifted. They also won an amendment to prohibit possession of machine guns.

Passage of the Bill means that Congress is certain to make the first major changes in the 1968 gun control law passed after the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy.

Bonn lectures Chun over human rights

Bonn (Reuter) - President Richard von Weizsacker of West Germany yesterday criticised South Korea's human rights record and urged President Chun Doo Hwan to give the opposition "a fair chance" to express its views.

"Our people have a keen instinct... for the respect for human rights and basic freedoms for all," he told the South Korean leader at a luncheon in his honour.

President Chun arrived from London yesterday on the second leg of a 10-day European tour.

Zimbabwe condemns 6,000 park elephants

From Jan Raath, Harare

Zimbabwe's wildlife authorities will shoot up to 6,000 elephants in the country's national parks over the next 12 months to prevent them destroying the areas.

Dr David Cumming, the chief ecologist at the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management, said yesterday that culling was "the only way" to check the already severely damaged woodland areas.

The elephant's capacity to destroy lies not only in its voracious appetite, but also in its habit of smashing down

trees while eating an inch, for example. Zimbabwe's national parks can support 35,000 elephants but a recent estimate put the population at 41,500. The year's cull will include shooting 3,000 elephants in the Zambezi Valley and 1,000 in the Gonarezhou Reserve. Some 2,000 may also be destroyed in the Hwange National Park, formerly the Wankie National Park. Zimbabwe's national parks policy holds that failure to cull will eventually not only wipe out elephants but other species as well.



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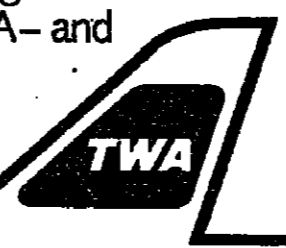
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Estate agents lay bare vast Marcos property investment in America

Manila (Reuters) - The Philippines now has a valid claim to New York property worth more than \$300 million (225 million) after two estate agents told the US Congress that they had bought and managed the buildings for the former President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, a senior Government official said yesterday.

Mr Raul Daza, a member of a commission tracking down the wealth of the former Philippines' leader, said that Manila expected to recover the properties without difficulty after the testimony of two New York estate agents, Joseph and Ralph Bernstein.

They told a US congressional sub-committee on Wednesday that they had acquired and managed property worth more than \$300 million for the Marcoses.

Mr Marcos has repeatedly denied having US real estate holdings.

But the Bernstein brothers said that they had been involved with the Marcoses in four Manhattan properties—a shopping mall called the Herald Centre, and office buildings at 40 Wall Street, 200 Madison Avenue and the Crown Building.

Mr Joseph Bernstein described meetings at which the couple made decisions and

exercised control over the properties. In Manila in 1982 Mr Marcos expressed keen interest in the international tax aspects of New York real estate investment.

He wanted to ensure that a corporation established to buy property was structured so as to avoid paying tax.

Mr Bernstein described a dinner at a New York restaurant during which Mrs Imelda Marcos waved a bank statement and boasted of a Swiss account worth \$120 million.

He also supported evidence from a previous witness that she had wanted to get \$70 million out of the properties by 1987. "She said they needed the money for the 1987 election in the Philippines," he told the sub-committee.

"The Philippines has a valid claim to the property," Mr Daza said. "We are pleased with the testimonies of the Bernstein brothers. They made the work of the commission undertaken by our lawyers in the US less difficult."

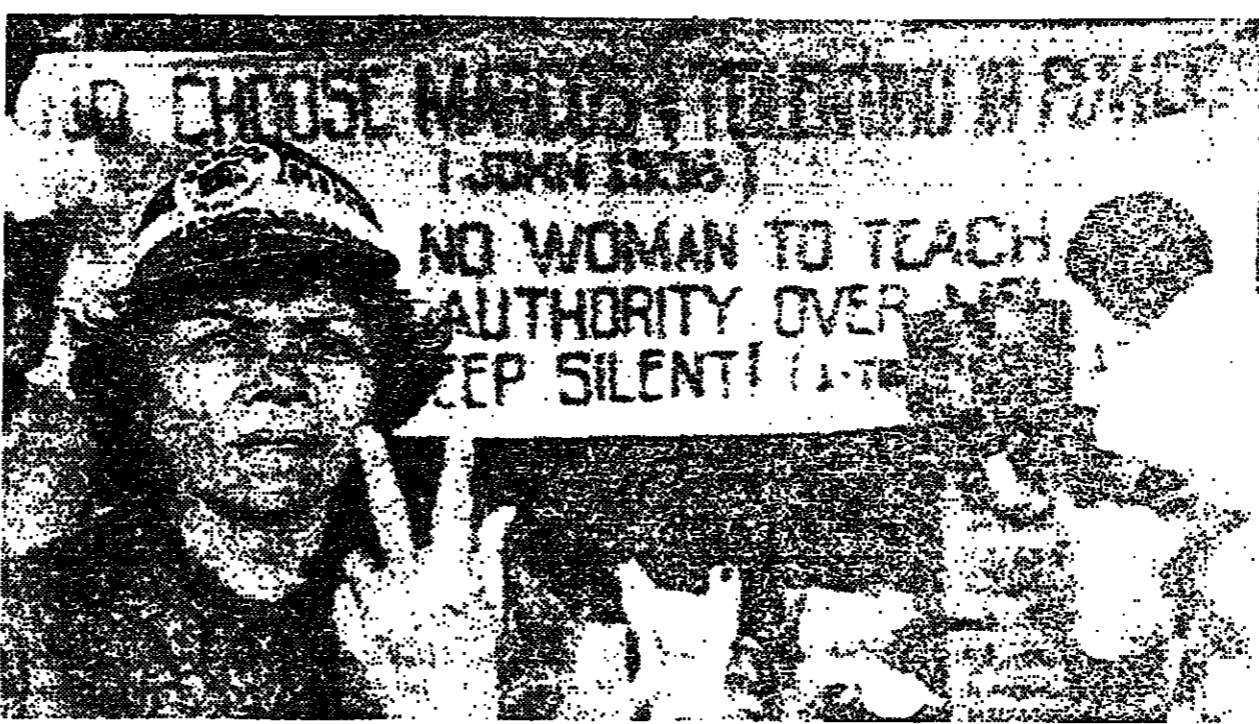
Minister's wealth: The new Philippine Tourism Minister, Mr José Antonio Gónzales, who made much of his fortune selling women's underwear, has emerged as the wealthiest so far among President

Corazon Aquino's Cabinet members to disclose their assets. He is worth 81.49 million pesos (about £2.7 million), according to a statement of assets released by the Presidential Palace (AFP reports).

GENEVA: Several Swiss banks have confirmed that they hold assets connected with Mr Marcos, the Federal Banking Commission said yesterday (Alan McGregor writes). Its spokesman, Mr Romain Marti, declined to give the number, and said that the banks were not yet required to specify amounts.

The commission, whose seven members are appointed by the Swiss Government, spent most of its meeting yesterday discussing funds in the name of Mr and Mrs Marcos "or anyone closely associated with them". A special meeting devoted solely to the subject is in prospect.

The banks had until Wednesday to notify the commission of their holdings. Their next deadline is April 16, by when they must confirm their compliance with the freeze on the assets ordered by the Government on March 25. Philippines estimates of the total assets involved range up to \$3 billion (about £2.05 billion).



The Marcos victory signal from a woman supporter in Manila who joined others to defend a threatened radio commentator.

Australia to double migrant intake

From Tony Dabondin Melbourne

Australia is to almost double its intake of migrants over the next decade.

The Cabinet has agreed to a proposal by Mr Chris Hurford, Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, to increase the number of migrants to 170,000 a year.

The 1986/87 policy will contain a new category — the independent and concessional category — which will provide easier access for prospective migrants who have relatives in Australia or those who would be financially independent.

The new category will increase eligible migrants by extending the definition of the family to include such relatives as nephews and nieces.

Applicants under this new category will be assessed on their employability and likely contribution to Australia. It is expected that 25,000 people will be approved under the new heading in the next financial year, an increase of about 9,000.

It is not clear who will benefit from the new definition, but recent arrivals, such as the Indo-Chinese, with a tradition of extended families, could gain most.

It is understood that the Cabinet has not yet decided on the mix of migrants for its long-term plan. There has been criticism in recent years that it has increasingly turned away from Australia's traditional migrant sources.

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Japan will switch satellites to Ariane

Tokyo (Reuters) - Two Japanese companies said yesterday that they would use Europe's Ariane system to launch their satellites instead of the US space shuttle.

The Space Communications Corporation and the Japan Communications Satellite Company said they had reserved places for 1988.

The companies originally had intended to use the shuttle, but said that the loss of Challenger in January had cast doubt on those plans.

M Frederic d'Allest, the chairman of Arianespace, said he hoped to sign final contracts with the Japanese in the next few weeks.

He denied that Arianespace was trying to take advantage of the Challenger disaster to win a larger share of the market, which he estimated would launch 110 to 120 satellites between 1988 and 1992.

"Before this accident our company, on its own merit and with tough competition, had a 50 per cent share of the market in the Western world," he said. "We are confident the US industry has all the capability needed to recover."

He reiterated European complaints that NASA set unfair prices for shuttle launchings which did not fully cover costs involved.

\$4m shops spree of Marcos women

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Mrs Imelda Marcos, the former Philippines first lady, and her two daughters spent \$4.4 m in a three-month shopping spree in 1983, collecting jewellery, art objects, sheets and silverware, according to a Manila newspaper.

"The legendary extravagance of Mrs Marcos apparently rubbed off on her two daughters, Imee Monotec and Irene Araneta," the *Malaya* paper said yesterday.

But the daughters — who, with their husbands and children, joined the former president Ferdinand Marcos and Mrs Marcos in exile in Hawaii — could not match their mother's impulse purchase of a \$280,000 emerald necklace, it says.

But they gave her stiff competition in buying sprees in London, New York, Copenhagen and Rome. The paper quotes receipts and cheque stubs found in the luggage Mr Marcos took with him into exile on February 25. "They

were clients of prestigious jewellery shops, a number of them known only to the exclusive circle of the filthy rich and the royal blood," *Malaya's* front-page article says.

"For one day alone, on May 25, Imelda Marcos spent \$20,000....

"Not to be outdone, elder daughter Imee splurged \$43,591 on the same day in other stores.

"Younger daughter Irene's purchases were... less than her sister's. Her May 25 shopping bill was \$42,246."

Mrs Marcos spent \$208,000 on a diamond bracelet at one store on July 15 and five days later, at another, bought a \$280,000 emerald necklace, the paper says. It has gained access to more than 2,300 pages of documents seized by customs officials in Hawaii.

The shopping receipts cover May to July 1983.

President Corason Aquino has said she would forgive Mr Marcos if he returned the estimated \$10 bn (£6.7 billion) he is alleged to have spirited out of the country during his 20-year rule.

The Philippines Commission on Good Government is said to be appraising the value of jewels and other valuables left behind in 20 suitcases by the Marcoses in their flight.

They are now in the vault of the Central Bank after having been taken from the Malacañang palace to a house in a luxury suburb said to be owned by a Marcos loyalist.

There were so many jewels that gemologists took three days to assess their value, the *Bulletin Today* paper said.

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Aquino to put fate of US bases to a poll

Manila (AP) - President Aquino said yesterday she would ask the people to decide whether United States military bases should stay in the Philippines.

Mrs Aquino told Japanese journalists that she will hold a referendum after renegotiating the military treaty with the US that expires in 1991. She did not say when the negotiations would begin.

Mr Salvador Laurel, the Foreign Minister, told the Council for Foreign Relations,

that the Philippines would observe the treaty and uphold agreements that promote its security while striving for independence in foreign affairs.

Meanwhile, about 60 Communist rebels on the island of Cebu, including their commanders, surrendered to government troops.

A total of 448 people have died in rebel violence nationwide since Mrs Aquino took power, the state-run news service reported.

China patient over special zones' profits

Peking (Reuters) - China yesterday said it would continue to pour millions of dollars into its special economic zones even though they would not make a profit in foreign exchange for at least three years.

Mr Gu Mu, the State Council member in charge of China's four special zones, told a press conference he was confident that Shenzhen, the largest of the zones near Hong Kong, would make a foreign exchange profit by 1990.

The zones have been set up since 1979 to attract high-technology investment from abroad and produce exports, but many of their goods have been sold to the domestic market.

Mr Gu said 43 per cent of Shenzhen's industrial output last year was exported, up from 33 per cent in 1984.

The four zones, all of them in south China, attracted \$5.85 billion (£4 billion) in foreign investment last year, more than double the 1984 level, he added.

Tokyo's rail hold-ups lead to apologies

Tokyo - Private rail and bus companies went on strike for about an hour in Tokyo yesterday, the first time in five years that private transport workers had left their jobs (David Watts writes).

For the nine companies involved, services began not at 5 am but about an hour later than usual. This modest breach of service was a severe embarrassment to management and apologetic apologies were broadcast to travellers by train guards.

The dispute was quickly settled with a salary increase of 12,500 yen (£47.50) per month and a minimal bonus increase, reflecting the poorer outlook for the economy.

The settlement is likely to affect other industries. Already the steel and electrical appliance industries have made the smallest wage agreements in 10 years, prompted largely by the strength of the yen, which is forcing Japanese firms to raise prices abroad and thus dampen exports.

Japan had 4,480 strikes in 1984.

For the latest in space technology you'd better look down below.

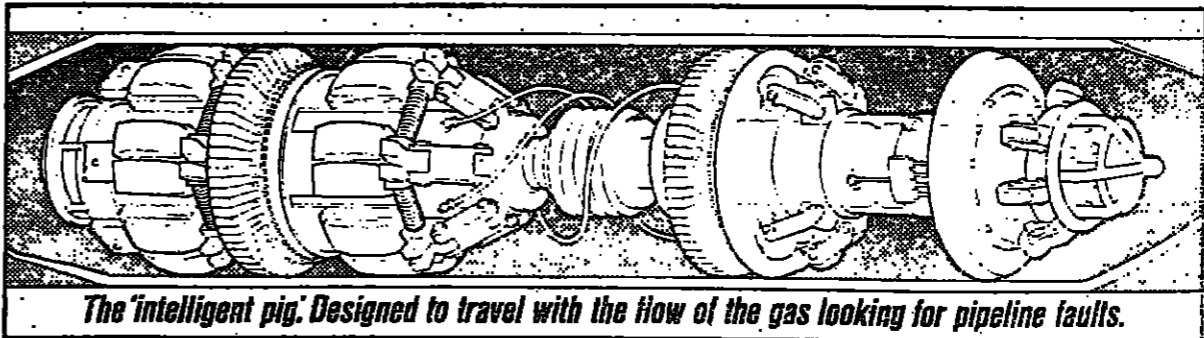
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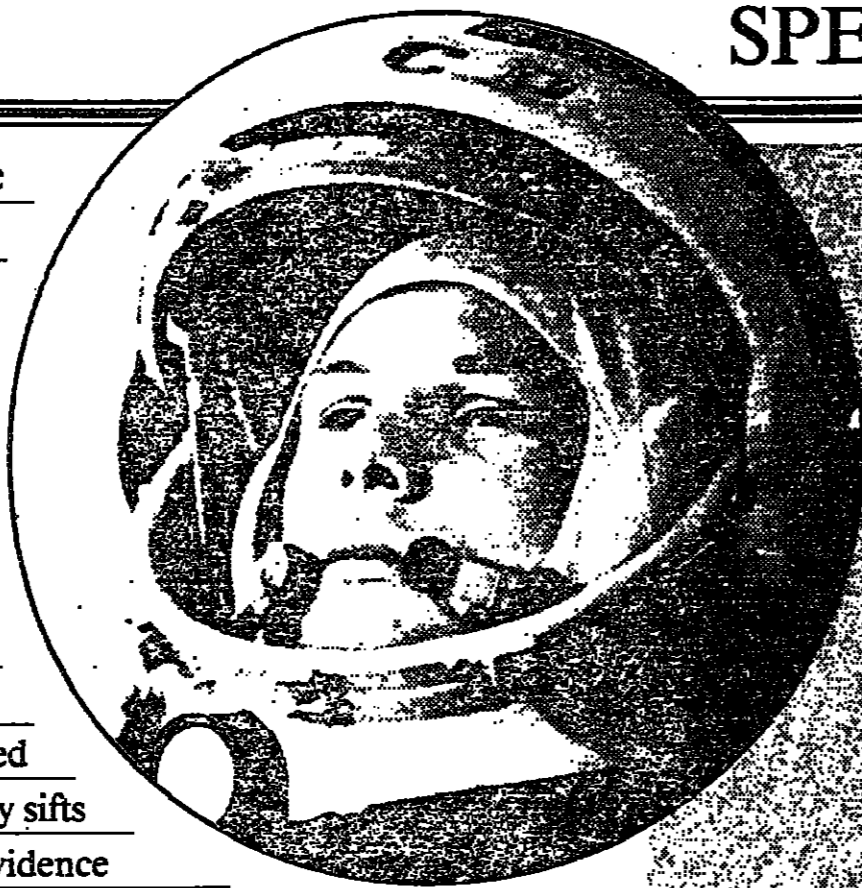
The 'intelligent pig'. Designed to travel with the flow of the gas looking for pipeline faults.

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ENERGY IS OUR BUSINESS

SPECTRUM

For many years, the spectacular pioneer missions of the early Russian astronauts were deeply shrouded in mystery. As these heroes retire the secrecy lessens. Twenty-five years after the first manned flight, Keith Hindley sifts through the latest evidence

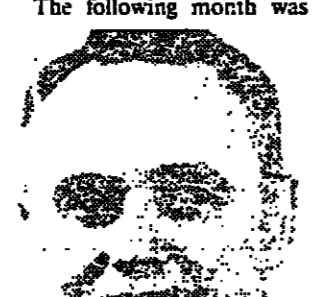


Secrets of the space race

On April 12, 1961, space travel began when the Soviet Union launched Yuri Gagarin into earth orbit in his Vostok capsule. Gagarin's flight followed a series of spectacular Soviet successes in space - Sputnik, the first artificial earth satellite, the first dog in space and the first space craft to photograph the moon's hidden side.

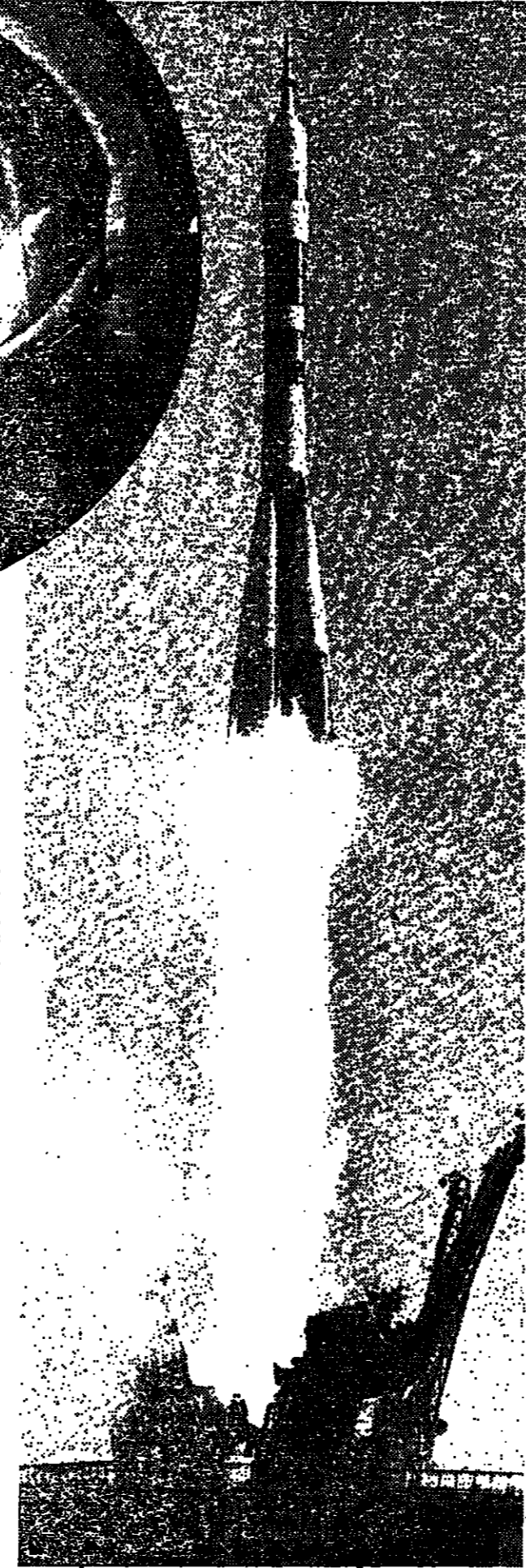
bulky. They would require a powerful launcher that could develop more than a million pounds of thrust. Khrushchev was persuaded to provide an immense budget and R-7 or Semyorka ("old number seven") was born along with a new missile test range begun in June 1955.

packed with scientific instruments followed and the first dog was put into orbit. A small rocket was added as an upper stage and after six months of failures satellites were despatched to the moon.



Mastermind: Korolev was the mystery man behind the Russians' successes the 100th anniversary of the birth of Constantin Tsiolkovsky, the Russian rocket pioneer and Khrushchev recognized the propaganda value. It took Korolev six weeks to lash together a test satellite containing just a radio transmitter linked to a thermometer. Sputnik I went up in October and stunned the world. The space race had begun and Korolev drew up a list of more ambitious space launches and the money for them was promised.

Meanwhile, the United States was overcoming its early booster failures and launching a long series of scientific satellites for pure research. In October 1960, a brief launch opportunity occurred to dispatch a space craft to Mars with the minimum expenditure of energy. With Khrushchev visiting the United Nations that week something was expected. In fact, two attempts were made to launch Mars craft during Khrushchev's visit but both failed. He was not pleased.



Blast off: Vostok rocket launch in the 1970s. The Russians have kept this highly reliable system since Yuri Gagarin (top left) made his historic orbit in an earlier model.

rocket down safely. As the launch pad swarmed with people, the rocket suddenly lit up, rose a few feet and then exploded. Perhaps 50 died, including 30 skilled engineers and technicians and Nedelin himself. Korolev was in the launch bunker and escaped unharmed.

tempts success came at last in August 1960 when two dogs were orbited and returned safely. Animals and craft were lost in more tests, but after rebuilding the remaining Vostok capsule, two completely successful flights with animals were made in March 1961.

- 1961: April 12, Vostok 1, Yuri Gagarin first man in space; May 8, Freedom 7, Alan Shepard first American in space. 1962: February 20, Friendship 7, John Glenn first American in orbit. 1963: June 16, Vostok 6, Valentina Tereshkova first woman in space. 1965: March 18, Voskhod 2, Alexei Leonov first space walk; June 8, Gemini 4, Edward White first US walk. 1968: July 19, Apollo 11, Neil Armstrong is first man on the moon. 1971: April 19, Salyut 1 is first space station; June 6, Three killed leaving Salyut 1. 1973: May 25, Skylab 1 is first US space station; November 16, Skylab 4 becomes longest US space mission, 84 days. 1975: July 15, Apollo-Soyuz link-up of US and Soviet space craft. 1981: April 12, First flight of Space Shuttle Columbia. 1983: June 18, Space Shuttle Challenger. Sally Ride first US woman in space; November 28, First flight of European space lab. 1984: February 8, Soyuz T10-Salyut 7, Record space flight, 227 days. 1985: April 12, Space Shuttle Discovery, Edwin Garn first politician in space. 1986: January 28, Space Shuttle Challenger explodes killing crew of seven; February 20, Mirspace lab launch heralds space station.

Five months later, a second Voskhod carried two men aloft with an air lock. Alexei Leonov became the first man to leave his space craft and walk in space. But not everything went according to plan. After a brief spell outside Leonov found his suit so puffed out that he could not bend enough at the waist to get his feet back in. After lengthy struggles he bled air from the suit, risking the "bends". Voskhod 2's troubles were only just starting. The automatic pilot failed and the craft came down on a mountain side in the Urals some 2,000 miles from the planned site.

Khruhchev again demanded new feats. Gagarin's trip was followed by a day-long flight by Gherman Titov. In 1962, two cosmonauts, Nikoloyev and Popovich, were orbited at the same time, passing within a few miles of each other. Just over a year later, the world was stunned again to hear of two more cosmonauts in space at the same time, Bykovsky and the first woman in space, Valentina Tereshkova. Once again it was Khrushchev's idea to send a woman into space and he demanded an ordinary Russian. Tereshkova was a millworker chosen from a group of four women hastily trained for the flight.



Soyuz 28 atop its Vostok booster on the launch platform at Baikonur cosmodrome in central Asia, where all manned space flights began. It was launched on March 2, 1978.

Again, Khrushchev demanded a spectacle to eclipse the start of the Gemini programme. The three-man Soyuz capsule would not be ready for at least two years but Korolev was told to put three Russians in orbit within a year and to arrange a walk in space. Work on the Soyuz capsule was halted and the Vostok capsule was stripped.

There is no longer any doubt that the Russians really were aiming for the moon. The lander was under development but never flew. But two unmanned Soyuz capsules did make trial flights out to the moon and back just prior to the famous Apollo 8 Christmas moon trip in 1968. The whole programme was dropped by the Russians when it became clear that Apollo would beat them to it, but the big lie that they were never in the race at all was widely accepted.

It is clear that the search for funding has shaped both programmes. Both grew out of military interests with the Russians first following a spectacular course dictated by the political expediency, which gave way to more steady development. In contrast, the Americans were forced to proceed with spectacular projects that would attract congressional funding - the moon landing, skylab, the space shuttle and now the space laboratory.

At the time of Gagarin's flight 25 years ago, the two programmes were neck and neck. The Americans pulled ahead with the moon landings but there is now no doubt who has the upper hand. For the moment, it's the Russians. © Times Newspapers Ltd 1986

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FRIDAY PAGE

Rich pickings in the pocket

British children get a total of £600 million every year in pocket money. Lee Rodwell examines the figures — and the principle

How much pocket money do you give your children? Fifty pence a week, a pound — or even more? According to the Wall's Pocket Money Monitor compiled by Gallup, Britain's 10 million five to 16 year-olds get around £600 million a year in pocket money, an average of £1.17 a week.

You only have to look at the marketing ploys used by the banks and building societies (who still seem to have the idea that once they've got your custom they will have you for life) to see how much competition there is for their custom.

Everything was fine until Alexandra became friends with a boy whose parents didn't have the same policy. They gave him money when he wanted it.

POCKET MONEY PROBLEMS

If your child feels hard done by... check with other parents to see how much they give their children and what the money is for.

Table with columns: Year, Amount, Change, Inflation Rate. Rows: 1976-1986.



Called to account: Will Hodgkinson, aged 16, with his pocket-money financed record and poster collection

Another parent who admits she is confused about the whole question of pocket money is Gay Shreim, who has a 16-year-old son Gideon and two younger children, Jamie, 7, and Daniel, 5.

Of course, if you are foolish and have a wild weekend you are left penniless for the rest of term.

Will, as a younger son, probably had pocket money at an earlier age than his older brother.

'My loving parents and adoring husband are mine because of your sacrifice...'

TALKBACK

On March 28 (Friday Page) Dilys Jones described how she gave away her baby son for adoption, and her subsequent mental anguish.

It gives me great pleasure to call you that for the first time in my life. Sadly it must also be the last.

The first spark of curiosity about you showed itself six years ago, shortly after I met the man who would become my second husband.

We never knew what tricks fate has stored up his sleeve for us. It is probably just as well.

We were advised that pregnancy could prove dangerous, even fatal to me. Until that moment I hadn't realized how I ached for a blood link, which now I would never have.

You see, once again our lives touched, but this time I was you. I know that as I think of you on my birthday, you also think of me.

An ill breath from the West

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The western lifestyle may be responsible for the apparent increase in asthma cases. The present estimate for the UK, 2.75 million, is higher than ever according to some doctors.

dying from asthma as Europeans.

Dr Gregg lists vehicle exhaust, industrial effluents, pesticides and detergents among the possible causes of increased asthma but says these have never really been assessed.

Quicker check-up on infertility

More accurate diagnosis of infertility in men may soon be possible in the UK thanks to a machine imported from the United States.

sperm sample for each of these problems and to decide whether the donor is fertile.

Ms Anne Jecquier, honorary consultant and senior lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of Nottingham, has acquired an American computerized machine which will allow her to carry out the task in just 90 seconds.

Its high price makes it unlikely that every infertility clinic will get one.

Meanwhile a few weeks' work with the machine has already shown that conventional techniques grossly overestimate the quality of sperm.

tween potatoes and appendicitis was also found but statistical analysis suggests this was simply because those who ate the least green vegetables were likely to eat the most potatoes.

Safer travelling for your baby

Most parents appear to be unaware of the danger faced by babies who are not properly strapped in cars, according to two reports in the latest British Medical Journal.

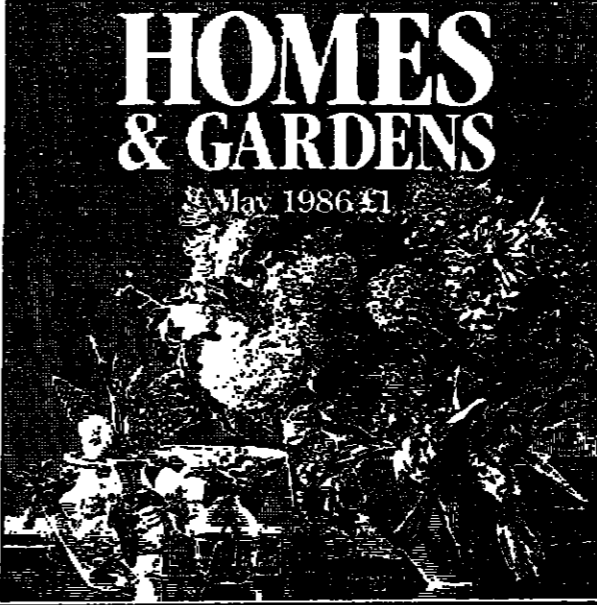
The journal's reports claim that less than a quarter of parents strap their babies in without prompting.

Greens beat the appendix blues

A diet which contains a healthy proportion of green vegetables and tomatoes will protect against appendicitis, say Medical Research Council scientists.

Writing in the British Medical Journal, Professor David Barker, director of the unit, suggests these foods might protect against appendicitis by having a beneficial effect on the bacteria in the appendix.

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upon the arrival of His Excellency U Ne Win and Madame Ne Win of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma...

KENSINGTON PALACE April 10: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Sea Life Centre, Southsea, Hampshire...

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 10: The Princess Anne, accompanied by Philip, President of the British Olympic Association...

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE April 10: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board...

Princess Anne in the driving seat of a train at Euston station yesterday after naming it "University of London"...

£40 Chippendale sold for £280,000

In most houses a Chippendale mirror would have pride of place and the diffident owner would be constantly bringing it to the attention of his visitors...

Forthcoming marriages

- Mr D.J. Alexander and Miss K.M.M. Russell The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Alexander...

Luncheon

Luncheon Comment Club May Barbara Cardie, MEP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Luncheon Comment Club held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms...

Diners

Darbar Club Lord Young of Gramham was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Darbar Club on April 7 at the Cavalry and Guards Club...

Service dinners

TA & VRA The Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Great Britain held a dinner last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea...

Birthdays today

Miss Janet Allen, 50, Colonel J.P. Carne, VC, 80, Professor Raymond Carr, 67, Mr Clive Estor...

University news

London QUEEN MARY COLLEGE The following appointment has been made by the Faculty of Laws: Mr Anderson Foundation Visiting Professor for 1986-87...

Science report

First light from a young star

A fascinating picture showing the first image of a newborn star is on a cover of the journal Nature. The flash of light was captured at the European Southern Observatory...

OBITUARY

DR C. I. C. BOSANQUET First Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University

Dr Charles Bosanquet, who died on April 9, aged 82, was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, holding office from 1963 until he retired in 1968...

MAJ-GENERIC SIXSMITH

Major-General Eric Sixsmith, CB, CBE, a gallant and distinguished soldier of wide experience who had published three works on military commanders, died on April 6, aged 81...

MR ANDREW FREETH

H. Andrew Freeth, RA, the portrait painter and etcher, who has died aged 73, had exhibited almost 200 works at the Royal Academy during his long career...

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

BRITISH MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM £4 a line + 15% VAT (minimum 3 lines) Announcements authorized by the name and permanent address of the sender, may be sent to THE TIMES PO BOX 484 Virginia Street London E1

FOSTER, On 8th April 1986, to Sara (nee Nicholson) and Charles, a son, to Yvonne and Richard, Rebecca Angarad Leahy.

THOMAS On 23rd February at Al Zahra Hospital in Sharnham, to Yvonne and Richard, Rebecca Angarad Leahy.

WILLIAMS - On 22nd March to Anne (nee Hendrie) and David, a son Samuel, a brother for Joshua.

MARRIAGES RAE-DOLLEMAN On 7th April in London, Alan Rae and Catherine Dolleman (Switzerland and London) and Miss Gertrud (Trudy) only daughter of Irene and Frederick Dolleman of Reinach Switzerland.

DEATHS ABBOTT - Victor George (trucksman) heart ailment son of Edie and brother of Stanley, on the 7th April 1986. Cremation at Woking, Kent 12.30pm Tuesday 15th April.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRIDEN There will be a Memorial Mass for Arthur Vivian BRIDEN, MC, CBE, on 12th April 1986 at 11.00am in the Chapel of the Convocation of the Assumption, 23 Kensington Square, London W8, on Saturday April 19th at 11.00am.

IN MEMORIAM

DELLY BRIDGE died 12th April 1986. He was a member of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel, and was remembered with deep affection by a host of friends and guests during his first break.

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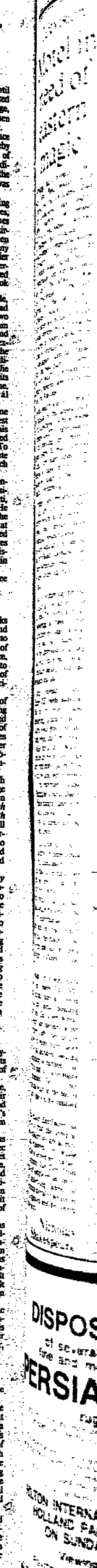
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 140.5 (+25.0) FT-SE 100 1690.3 (+31.3) USM (Datastream) 118.4 (-0.27) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4630 (+0.002) W German mark 3.4095 (-0.0049) Trade-weighted 75.9 (+0.1)

Fall in pound and oil 'will cut jobless by 250,000'

The fall in oil prices and the exchange rate since last autumn clearly benefits the British economy, according to the Bank of England. In special simulations in its Quarterly Bulletin published yesterday, the Bank suggests that the recent fall in both oil and the pound combine to lower its forecast for unemployment by over a quarter of a million by 1988.

The Bank based its calculations on a fall in the oil price of just under \$12 a barrel since last autumn, together with a 9 per cent fall in sterling's trade-weighted exchange rate - although the pound has in fact risen slightly since these simulations were carried out. Growth in national output is 1/2 per cent higher than it would have been in 1986, and a fall 1 per cent higher in 1987. Inflation is between 1/4 and 1/2 per cent lower than it would have been.

Bank signals restraint

The Bank of England yesterday took the opportunity of a £500 million shortage in the money markets to signal restraint in the heading downward rush of interest rates before a further cut in bank base rates.

Lawson predicts another cut in worldwide interest rates

There will be another worldwide cut in interest rates before the end of the year, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said yesterday. France or the US was expected to lead the way.

Elders XPL steps into BHP battle

Elders DXL yesterday acquired 16.6 per cent of Broken Hill Proprietary when it stepped into the takeover battle for Australia's largest company. It was the biggest single day of trading Australian stock markets have seen.

Shares rush

Applications for shares in River and Mercantile Geared Capital Trust closed yesterday oversubscribed. The basis of allocation will be announced today.

PR firms call off merger

Merger talks have been called off between Good Relations, and Valin Pollen, the two quoted public relations groups. The decision comes a few days after the companies welcomed the proposed £40 million merger because of the advantages for both. But last night they said it was not feasible at present.

Merchant banks fall behind in the City salaries league

Some of the traditional merchant banks and pension funds have fallen behind in the City salary stakes and are vulnerable to losing staff in the run-up to big bang, according to a survey of City earnings and benefits by Coopers & Lybrand Associates, the management consultants, published yesterday.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Almost the final solution for JMB

Disposing of Johnson Matthey Bankers was never going to be the clean operation the Bank of England always insisted it was. After one or two minor disposals, the main element in the return of JMB to the private sector was initialled yesterday, when Westpac, the ambitious Australian group, agreed to pay about £40 million for the basic bullion and banking businesses of JMB, giving its Mase-Westpac subsidiary a seat in the London gold dealing ring for a £17 million premium over net assets bought.

Notably, however, Westpac has not bought the book of bad and doubtful debts that brought JMB to disaster, parent Johnson Matthey group to its knees and the Bank of England to its biggest crisis since the secondary bank failure of 1973-74.

Those doubtful debts ruled out a clean sale, because none of the 40 banks which expressed an interest wanted to take on the interminable process of litigation both against and on behalf of JMB that has grown up as the Bank of England has tried to recover the money.

In any case, as the men at the Bank now concede, there is an unhappy logic about treating the hunt for the missing millions as a separate operation, more akin to a liquidation than to the running of perfectly viable continuing businesses.

These rough edges mean that it is still not possible to draw a line under the total cost of the whole affair. It appears that JMB as it existed when the crisis broke in October 1984 has lost about £220 million out of its nominal loan book of £480 million. Most of those losses have already been taken by the former parent company, Johnson Matthey, which lost its investment of perhaps £120 million and was forced to chip in a further £70 million for the privilege of ditching the whole operation into the hands of the Bank of England.

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1985, 1984. Includes Turnover (539,350 vs 503,101), Profit on ordinary activities before tax (26,126 vs 24,223), Profit on ordinary activities after tax (19,697 vs 17,168), Profit before extraordinary items (18,242 vs 14,678), Extraordinary items (8,640 vs 11,005), Profit for the financial year (9,602 vs 13,573), Dividends (5,487 vs 4,833), Profit retained (4,115 vs 8,740).

SIMON ENGINEERING PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT Group results for the year ended 31 December 1985. * Pre-tax profits increased in a difficult year * Total dividend increased by 6.25% * Improvements in most operations * Strong balance sheet will complement prospects for future growth. SIMON ENGINEERING PLC Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire SK3 0RT

Evered bid 'not likely'

Analysts believe Evered Holdings, the engineering group revitalized by the Abdulla brothers, Raschid and Osman, has abandoned plans to bid for the much larger TI Group, best known for brand names like Creda, New World, and Raleigh.

Burmah sale

Burmah Oil has sold its Bahamas oil terminal to American interests for \$1 million (£684,000) on completion and up to \$10 million deferred. Tampa, page 19

RFD rebuff

RFD Group has rejected the £21.9 million offer from Wardle Storey, the plastic sheet manufacturer, as 'opportunistic and inadequate'.

Laing lift

John Laing, the building company, lifted profits from £30.3 million to £34.1 million before tax in the year to December 31. Turnover was up from £304 million to £317 million and the total dividend is 7p, up from 6p. Tampa, page 19

Mowlem up

John Mowlem, the laboratory equipment and building company, lifted profits from £10.6 million to £13.1 million before tax in the year to December 31. Turnover rose from £380 million to £414 million. The total dividend is up from 11.9p to 14p. Tampa, page 19

Ontario 'no'

An Ontario supreme court judge rejected a request by Olympia and York Development for an injunction to block Hiram Walker Resources from selling its liquor business to Allied-Lyons for Can\$2.6 billion (£1.3 billion).

Bid extended

Volvo, the Swedish car group, has extended the offer period for W Sonesson to April 21.

PR breach

The Institute of Public Relations says that Miss Maureen Smith, former deputy chairman of Good Relations, breached the institute's code of professional conduct when she sold her shares in GR without informing the board. She has resigned from the institute.

MARKET SUMMARY STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 1780.77 (+2.15) Tokyo Nikkei Dow 15203.57 (+93.39) Hong Kong Hang Seng 1758.57 (+6.23) Amsterdam Gen 258.0 (same) Sydney: AO 1175.5 (+41.8) Frankfurt Commerzbank 2164.5 (-29.5) Brussels General 618.0 (-1.92) Paris: CAC 3702.5 (-3.6) Zurich: SKA General 524.70 (same) CURRENCIES London: New York \$: £1.4630 £: \$1.4630 £: DM3.4095 £: SFR7.8543 £: FF10.8481 £: Yen261.88 £: Index: 75.9 ECU £0.691191 SDR £0.79173 INTEREST RATES London: Bank Base: 11% 3-month interbank 10 1/2-10 3/4 3-month eligible bills 10 1/2-10 3/4 buying rate US: Prime Rate 9% Federal Funds 7.00% 3-month Treasury Bills 6.05-6.03% 30-year bonds 12 1/2-13 1/2

MAIN PRICE CHANGES RISES: BICC 35p (+18) British 55p (+13) Glaxo 101 1/2 (+52) ICI 93 1/2 (+17) P&O 22 1/2 (+10) Plessey 35 1/2 (+12) Grand Met 41 1/2 (+13) Bat 41 1/2 (+45) Pegler Hattersley 58 1/2 (+30) FH Tomkins 310 1/2 (+35) J Laing 41 1/2 (+210) Oxford Inst 31 1/2 (+20) Seward 15 1/2 (+15) Uni Scientific 22 1/2 (+11) McKechnie 50 1/2 (+14) Jaguar 47 1/2 (+35) Argyl 37 1/2 (+20) Wm Beard 81 1/2 (+45) Burnet 35 1/2 (+27) Hurling Pat 120 1/2 (+12) Bosse Massimi 34 1/2 (+30) Elders 23 1/2 (+22) FALLS: Cookson 52p (-28) SGB Gp 34 1/2 (-14) Smiths Ind 29 1/2 (-13) Kainwort 75p (-25) GOLD London: Fixing: AM \$338.15 pm \$337.70 Close \$338.00-338.50 (£230.75-231.25) New York: Corner \$338.20-338.70

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Stocks made a strong advance yesterday afternoon in a rally led by semiconductor, money centre bank and tobacco shares. Speculation that the discount rate may be cut least support, erasing any negative influence from recovering oil traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 15.68 to close at 1,794.30.

There were 1,082 issues advancing, 528 declining and 428 unchanged. Volume totalled 185,360,000 yesterday compared with 156,250,000 on Wednesday.

The New York Stock Exchange index was up 1.39 to 136.42. The average price per share increased 42 cents.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, AIG, Allied Signal) and their respective price changes. Includes sub-sections for 'CANADIAN PRICES' and 'FINANCIAL TRUSTS'.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table titled 'STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES' showing market rates for various currencies (e.g., New York, Hong Kong, Singapore) and their forward rates.

Currencies traded within narrow limits in reduced activity. Dealers said the Group of Five ministers' apparent satisfaction with dollar levels did a lot to stabilize the market, and operators were looking for a new lead.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES: Ireland 1.3000-1.3000, Singapore 2.1950-2.1950, Australia 0.7140-0.7150, etc.

OTHER STERLING RATES: Argentina austral 1,2147-1,2170, Australia dollar 2,5485-2,5475, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table titled 'EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %' showing deposit rates for various currencies (e.g., Dollar, Swiss Franc, Japanese Yen) and terms (e.g., 1 month, 3 months).

GOLD

Gold prices: Gold-338.00-338.50, Gold-338.00-338.50, Gold-338.00-338.50.

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance: 1 month 10 1/2%, 3 month 10 1/4%, 6 month 9 3/4%, 12 month 9 1/2%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing futures prices for various commodities and financial instruments, including 'Three Month Sterling' and 'Six Month Sterling'.

COMMODITIES

Table titled 'LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE' showing prices for various commodities like sugar, coffee, and oil.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official Turnover figures: Price in £ per metric tonne, Silver in pence per 100 grams.

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Average fatstock prices of representative markets on London Meat Futures Exchange.

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing various investment trusts and their performance metrics, including 'High Low' and 'Change'.

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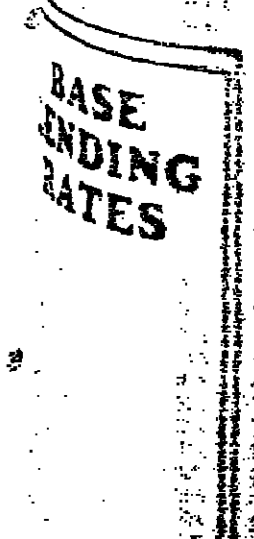
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table providing detailed information on various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance data.



TEMPUS

Bumper year for RTZ despite weak markets

Rio Tinto-Zinc's 9.5 per cent increase in attributable profits to £236 million, with earnings per share up by a similar proportion to 76.1p, so distorted by currency conversions as to disguise the true extent of the company's achievement. Any mining company which even stands still at the moment is doing well. One which generates almost £1 billion in cash is doing very well indeed.

The most vivid illustration of the currency problem is that costs dropped sharply from £5.23 billion to £4.53 billion almost solely because of the translation effect. But the crucial fact about RTZ is that, with the unfortunate and marginal exception of Cornwall, its many businesses around the world are strong and profitable.

The recent re-rating of the shares was in large part a recognition of this. Any improvement in metal prices, particularly copper and aluminium, would have a dramatic impact on profits. For the moment, however, RTZ has to put up with poor metal prices, which depressed the metals sector's contribution to 21 per cent of earnings. The exception was uranium. Rossing made net profits of £26.5 million after benefiting from strong demand from electricity utilities and from sales being denominated in dollars.

So, after the peculiar effect of currency translation Africa clipped in with net attributable profits of no less than £38 million on a turnover of just £314 million. Industry's share of profits also fell, this time to 48 per cent. While cement prices went up for the first time in three years, borax, glass and the engineering side all suffered from slack demand. The weaker dollar did not help profits from America.

But to the rescue came energy, chiefly in the shape of the 29.8 per cent stake in Enterprise Oil. The first full-year earnings from Enterprise came to £16.3 million, although RTZ Oil and Gas was more or less unchanged at £14.6 million. This year's lower oil prices will obviously depress earnings in the energy sector, but they could also present RTZ with some tempting takeover targets, and the group as a whole should gain from lower mining costs and increased world economic activity.

With the dividend up by 10 per cent to a total of 22p, giving a yield of 3 per cent, the shares are not undervalued. **Burmah Oil** The sale of the Bahamas terminal, announced yesterday, must be regarded as something of a coup for Burmah. Anything short of outright sale would probably have left the company with unlimited commitments to pay rent to the Bahamian Government for the terminal site. As it is, Burmah has taken an extraordinary loss of £21 million in 1985.

With the disposal of five tankers at a further cost of £9.1 million and the write-down of its two remaining ships to scrap value, Burmah can fairly be said to have extricated itself from the legacy of over-expansion in shipping, dating from the early 1970s. Even the two remaining ships are breaking even on a cash basis, as the costs of lay-up of the one are being met from the charter of the other. Burmah has been busy restructuring elsewhere. The

BASE LENDING RATES table with columns for bank names and interest rates.

Institutions flood back as outlook brightens

Institutional investors returned in force yesterday, pushing the FT 30 share index back over the 1400 level. They were encouraged by the cheerful outlook for inflation and interest rates and a flood of favourable statements from a broad spread of companies. After four days of drifting prices in which the FT 30 had fallen nearly 50 points, it gained 25 points to close at 1401.5 while the FT-SE 100 share index rose away to close at 1690.3, a gain of 31.3 points on the day.

Industrials bounced back with Glaxo 52p higher at 1015p and ICI 17p to the good at 934p. BICC was up 18p to 358p on news of an Australian listing for a subsidiary, while British Telecom recouped 6p to 268p now that the final call has been made. Tobacco companies were to the fore following an American federal court ruling favouring the producers in the cigarette warnings case. BAT Industries went up 45p to 418p while Grand Met, at 418p and Rothmans at 154p improved 13p and 6p respectively.

Takeover speculators were given their daily boost by an F H Tomkins bid for Peggles. Hattersley, Peggler, a strong market in recent weeks, was

ahead another 88p to 560p while Tomkins was up 39p to 310p. There was evidence of American buying in certain quarters. Jaguar, for example, jumped 40p to 478p and Lex Service Group was another good spot at 381p, up 14p. Of the numerous company statements crossing the tapes, Ruberoid at 271p, Hewden Szaart 66p, John Mowlem 412p, Evered 310p, William Baird 615p, and Beamrose 183p, advanced between 8p and 45p. In contrast Cookson dropped 28p to 320p on disappointment with the 30 per cent increase in earnings and Rio Tinto-Zinc also failed to please at 719p, down 5p.

Oils picked up with the spot price, helped by good results and the sale of a loss-making terminal by Burmah, 27p firmer at 364p. Hunting Petroleum gained 12p more to 120p on further reflection of Wednesday's figures. Profit-taking clipped 25p from Turner & Newall at 226p and Smith Industries lost another 13p to 291p on further reaction to Wednesday's half-time statement. Weir Group, of which F H Tomkins has been mentioned as a possible predator, fell 8p to 134p but better than expected profits added 2p to Simon Engineering at 228p. McKechnie, another speculative favourite, improved 11p to 224p ahead of next Thursday's interim.

Apricot celebrated a new contract with a 7p rise to 94p and Amstrad continued to benefit from the Sinclair deal, 508p up 14p. Speculative interest stimulated Audiotronic at 14p up 24p. Electricals climbed out of the doldrums with GEC at 194p, all between 8p and 10p better. United Scientific recovered 15p to 153p on the settlement of the Alvis strike, and Oxford Instruments, at 565p up 25p, continued to benefit from the recent acquisition. In builders, John Laing was up 21p to 411p after a 13 per cent improvement. Caparo rallied 6p to 51p after yesterday's disappointing figures but losses took 5p from Grosvenor Group at 90p. Seesa, reporting later this month, put on 5p to 158p amid vague talk of a bid from Automated Security. Firm food retailers featured Argyl Group at 378p up 20p. Stores rallied 5p to 10p with W H Smith up 6p to 322p. Properties had several firm spots with Stockley active at 83p, up 6p on hopes of a bid from P & O, 12p higher at 550p. Banks were largely neglected, no doubt worried about possible further American failure.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and SAC Int (100p) with various stock names and prices.

Clearers poised for wider role in Japan

British banks are set to play a major role in the opening up of the Japanese securities industry. County Bank Asia, a subsidiary of National Westminster, has already been invited to apply for a securities licence in Tokyo. Subsidiaries of the other clearing banks are expected to be included in the next round of licences, towards the end of this year. Japanese law, specifically Article 65 of the Banking and Securities Regulations, requires that banks own no more than 50 per cent of securities operations. Because of this, National Westminster has gone into partnership with BP and the Swire Group to set up the Hong Kong-registered County Bank Asia.

Lloyds Bank, through its Lloyds Merchant Bank arm, intends to specialize in the Japanese bond market, after establishing an appropriate 50 per cent-owned subsidiary. Barclays will merge the Tokyo representative offices of Barclays Merchant Bank and de Zoete & Bevan in June, while Midland will operate through Samuel Montagu. Both banks have reached tentative agreement with as yet unnamed partners for subsidiary status. Currently, the four major British banks all stress different areas of activity. National Westminster is first in the securities field and is actively expanding its foreign exchange dealing operations in

Ex-statemens urge UK to join EMS

Former national leaders meeting in Japan, yesterday called on Britain to contribute to world economic stability by joining the European Monetary System immediately. The former leaders, including Herr Helmut Schmidt of West Germany, Mr Pierre Trudeau of Canada, Mr Takeo Sakuda of Japan and Señor Adolfo Suarez of Spain, said full British membership of the EMS is a necessary first step towards securing exchange rate stability between Europe the US and Japan.

THIS BOOKLET SHOWS WAYS TO OPEN MORE DOORS TO MORE JOBS.

Here is a booklet which brings together details of the whole range of schemes designed to get more people into work. It's called 'Action for Jobs' - and brings together initiatives in the fields of training, employment and enterprise. The booklet shows the number of schemes in operation - probably far more than you thought. It explains how they relate to each other to create conditions in which employment and businesses can grow and flourish. Training for today and tomorrow There is an important range of schemes to enable people to acquire the skills, and firms to acquire the skilled workforce, essential for tomorrow's industry and commerce. The booklet emphasises the right vocational training for school-leavers, schemes for adult workers to be trained and re-trained, and includes details of help for industry - especially small firms - to enable them to train their workforce. And keep them trained.

Graphic showing various job schemes like Community Programme, Restart Programme, Jobclubs, Voluntary Projects Programme, Job Search (Travel to Interview) Scheme, Job-start Allowance, Job Splitting Scheme, Job Release Scheme, New Workers Scheme, YTS, Job Training Scheme, Training for Enterprise, Access to Information Technology, Training Grants for Employers, Wider Opportunities Training Programme, Open Tech Programme, Career Development Loans, Small Firms Service, Enterprise Allowance Scheme, Loan Guarantee Scheme, Business Expansion Scheme, Tourism, Job Introduction Scheme, Industrial Language Training Service.

Form with fields for Name, Address, Postcode and a note to request the 'Action for Jobs' booklet.

RHM to amalgamate chocolate companies

Ranks Hovis McDougall is to amalgamate its three bulk chocolate manufacturing companies. The new group will hold 60 per cent of the 45,000-tonne British market of bulk chocolate for further manufacture. The Stewart & Arnold, Caxton Group - its turnover will be about £60 million - brings together the technical resources of the companies in a market which is facing increasing competition from French and Belgian imports. Mr Colin Watts, group sales and marketing director, said:

"A number of companies on the Continent are starting to look at the UK market, where chocolate consumption is very high." The group supplies chocolate and chocolate coatings to Nabisco, Lyons Maid and "Mr Kipling" cakes, and it produces own label confectionery products for Marks and Spencer, Fine Fare and the Argyl Group.

APPOINTMENTS

Ladbroke Group: Mr Michael B Hirst and Mr Jerry F O'Mahony have been appointed executive directors. Ladbroke Racing: Mr Berjis Daver has become managing director, UK racing division. Heritage Housewares: Mr Peter Gorch has been named as a non-executive director. G D Underwood: Mr Eric R Boxall has become financial director. WonderWorld: Mr John Ferguson has become managing director and Mr George Walker has joined the board. Sea Oil Homcor: Mr Howard Stapleton has been named as managing director. Berwin Leighton: Mr I C Lowe, Mr J P Keffel and Miss J M Powell are to be partners. Donald Macpherson & Co: Mr Roger B Levick is to be managing director.

The unwelcome spotlight

The times and controversy over the leading presidential candidate have brought the kind of attention it has seldom had since the last war

The history of Austria's Second Republic is a story of a country that has been the focus of international attention since the end of the Second World War. The country's political and social structure has been shaped by the legacy of the Nazi era and the subsequent occupation by the Allies. The country's political system is a unique blend of democracy and authoritarianism, with a strong emphasis on social justice and economic stability. The country's political system is a unique blend of democracy and authoritarianism, with a strong emphasis on social justice and economic stability.

about Austrian attitudes to history. As one Austrian banker recently returned from America observed, "to be an Austrian in America during the Waldheim affair was not an easy matter". The problem of Austria's attitudes to its past seems largely from a widespread refusal to research or examine in any critical light the country's brief but unhappy association with Nazi Germany between 1938 and 1945.

Austrians grow up increasingly ignorant of the events of their country's history. One Austrian historian recently wrote that basic school history texts used throughout the country contained dozens of omissions and errors concerning the inter-war period. One of the most ominous of these was the lack of any reference to the fact that Austria's right-wing chancellor, Engelbert Dollfuss, was assassinated by the Nazis in 1934.

The last year, though a rude awakening for many Austrians, has made some realize that this ambivalent relationship with their Nazi past will continue to place a strain on relations with those who would like to be their friends. These widely publicized matters aside, Dr Sinowatz has managed to continue, like the Habsburgs, to "muddle along". The Chancellor, assailed from all sides by these and other crises, has remained a solid rock of respectability, surviving one storm after another.



'A man of experience, a man for Austria — his time has come!' Posters sing the praise of Dr Kurt Waldheim



Trying to pilot a coalition government through troubled waters: Dr Fred Sinowatz, the Chancellor

As more and more corruption is revealed in industries and insurance concerns, the Chancellor's simple lifestyle and reputation for honesty become rarer commodities on the Austrian political scene and his stock rises accordingly. He has held his party together through a difficult period. Indicative of the crisis within the Austrian Socialist Party, which

A BRITISH FEST IN VIENNA
On Monday the Prince and Princess of Wales begin an official visit to Austria, which coincides with the festival, Britain in Vienna 1986. During the coming weeks the capital will be the venue for a concert by the Philharmonia Orchestra, productions by the National Theatre and exhibitions of British design and fashion. See Page 25



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Skills for export to the East

An Austrian-financed spa town in Bulgaria; an hydro-electric power station on the Danube; an hotel in Prague and ski complex in Soviet Georgia. The polyglot Austrian empire may have vanished in 1918 but Vienna's commercial Drang nach Osten is gathering momentum.

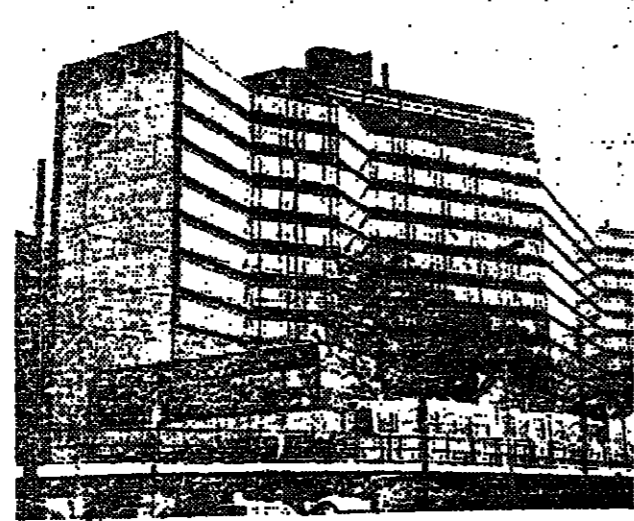
In Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and even parts of Soviet Russia. Austrian capital and know-how are constructing hotels, refurbishing jaded tourist industries and financing projects involving large-scale building.

Nor is the Austrian advance confined to construction. Bulgaria seems set to sign later this year a contract to modernize its telephone system with Austrian technology and a score of other business agreements will emphasize further the country's special relationship with the East.

Mirroring this success is the continued growth of Austria's broad range of exports to the East. In 1985, 11 per cent of its overseas sales, worth 45.77 billion schillings (£2.08 billion) were to Eastern Europe, barely one per cent less than its exports to the EEC.

Dr Alfred Mayer of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce is quick to deny that Austria has any special advantage when dealing with the East. "It is all a question of commercial conditions," he says. "We are on the edge of the Western world, and therefore our relations are good and intense but we do not get any presents from the East."

Herr Franz Nauschnigg, a senior official in the Austrian trade ministry, believes Austrian trading links with the East have grown with the increased competitiveness of Austrian firms. "We are competing with the Germans."



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Swiss and now even the Japanese. We can only survive if we tighten up and keep a competitive edge."

However, most businessmen who deal regularly with Eastern Europe insist that Austria has in many ways a slight advantage over other countries, especially from the West or the Orient. "The mentality is the same in Vienna as it is in Budapest; the contacts are traditionally close and

'The advantage of geography'

they share the same history. Above all, they have the great advantage of geography," observed one Western businessman with contacts in the East.

Those Austrians who travel frequently to Eastern Europe would agree. Ironically, only one country, Romania, seems to present more than its fair share of problems to those in Vienna who are keen to sell or invest in the East.

between Austrian and Hungarian firms, enshrining a mutual desire for regular consultation and co-operation. In addition to these there are eight joint ventures covering construction, chemicals, electricity and agriculture.

However great the similarity in temperament between the businessman of Vienna and Budapest, Austria's trade links with the East have been immeasurably helped by Hungary's economic reforms and, of late, more relaxed political atmosphere. Budapest's decision to develop a "Western-orientated" tourist industry made Vienna a natural city to cast around in for capital and advice. The Austrians, keen to cement links with their neighbour, were no less enthusiastic.

Thus it was that on July 12, 1978, both countries made a leap in the dark by signing a five billion schilling credit agreement. This opened the way for Austria to become involved with projects between 1979 and 1985. These included the establishment of 14 hotels in Budapest, Sopron and other Hungarian resorts. It also helped the construction of the,

Western visitors are impressed

by Eastern European standards, luxurious second airport of the Hungarian capital, which was opened last autumn by the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr Leopold Gratz.

Both the airport and such modern hotels in Budapest as the internationally acclaimed Forum and Atrium Hyatt were prestige projects designed to convince the West that Hungary could be invest-

ed in without the risks associated with Poland. Their success has impressed Western visitors to Budapest, while those many thousands of Austrians who go to the Hungarian capital for commercial reasons have been overheard demanding why Austrian money cannot be used in Vienna to create a first-class hotel.

More controversial than these projects, however, is the plan to finance the Hungarian power station at Nagymaros near the Slovak-Hungarian frontier along a most picturesque part of the Danube. The station would drastically alter the appearance of the river beneath the famous ruins of Visegrad, where the great Hungarian King Matthias Corvinus once held court.

The Nagymaros project, linking Austria with Czechoslovakia and Hungary's hydro-electric power, is a scheme worthy of the Habsburgs - Austrian capital building a Hungarian power station with links to Czechoslovakia; not since the Austrian empire has the Danube's traditional role as the link between East and West been so carefully exploited.

However, the scheme seems set to run into environmental protests both in Hungary and Austria. The Austrian government, which will be paid back in power, rather than money, from the station, is in a sensitive position. The popular Green movement has already forced it to drop plans for its own power station along the Danube at Hainburg. The Greens are unlikely to remain silent about a scheme less than 50 miles further downstream. However, trade officials in Budapest and Vienna are ada-



Luxury in Hungary: A relaxing atmosphere in the hotel built with Austrian money

mant that it will go ahead as planned. Other deals which are also hoped to be tied up this year are a 400-million-schilling (£18 million) project for a health centre at the spa town of Sandanski in Bulgaria and an equally expensive scheme to restore one of Moscow's old luxury hotels. In addition to these, the contract for a Forum hotel in Prague was signed a few months ago. Poland, a traditionally risky market of which the Austrians have fought shy, is discussing a number of

wide-ranging projects, including hotels in Warsaw and Cracow. These are expected to be approved within the next few months. What, one may ask, do the Austrians get out of all this? "The financial benefits are not so great but they are a sufficient incentive. More important is the reconstruction of confidence between our countries and our eastern neighbours stemming from a belief that small countries with a traditional link have much to gain from co-operating," a trade ministry official said.

At trade fairs throughout Eastern Europe the remarkably high profile of the Austrians has amazed many Germans, traditionally the strongest Western force at these events. The profile is reinforced by the holding of frequent symposiums in Vienna on the problems of East-West trade. As one slightly envious Swiss businessman remarked at the Bulgarian Trade Fair at Plovdiv, "the Austrian flag may still be rejected in eastern Europe but the Austrian businessman never". RB



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Why the Socialists talk of a turning point

The year 1985 was a good one for the Austrian economy, and lower oil prices should help 1986 to be the same. However, the economic policies are likely to be very different. Politicians in the ruling Socialist-led coalition speak of a great turning point. In the wake of huge losses by the state-owned engineering group Voest-Alpine, Austria's largest industrial group, Franz Vranitzky, the finance minister, said baldly this year: "The time has gone when we could decide to spend a couple of billion to create some jobs."

Until now, jobs have had a higher priority than profitability. The government featherbedded the state sector as a means of soaking up excess labour.

Bruno Kreisky, Chancellor from 1970 to 1983, preferred higher government debts to higher unemployment, which touched a record of more than 200,000 (7 per cent of the workforce) in January. Herr Vranitzky does not. He denies he is a Thatcherite - he told foreign reporters recently he dislikes Mrs Thatcher's way of conducting "economic warfare" - but some tinges of Thatcherism are recognizable. Although he himself has not said so, leading bankers have dropped hints that some degree of privatization may not be far down the road.

Austria's gross domestic product, boosted by exports which were up by 12.5 per cent last year two per cent higher than in 1984 and the country's best figure since the oil shock of 1979, Dr Vranitzky made no bones about his satisfaction that Austria outstripped growth of 2.4 per cent in West Germany, its most important trading partner. The Vienna stock exchange also woke up with a boom. Share prices went up by 130 per cent and share turnover in and outside the exchange rose about six-fold.

Much of Austria's trading success was due to small private companies, and Herr Vranitzky and Ferdinand Lacina, the state industry

managing director, says he will resign if the politicians will not give him the independence to do just that, regardless of the political consequences for the Socialist Party.

Under the consensus politics of co-operation between unions and employers, to which many attribute Austria's astounding postwar growth, the managing boards of state industries have had to be politically balanced. Major political parties and trade union representatives have been guaranteed seats on important boards. Herr Vranitzky and Herr Lacina are now stressing qual-

ifications and profit orientation rather than "political proportionality". The state sector's industrial holding company, OIAG, is being reorganized on these lines and a new OIAG law has gone before parliament.

For the economy as a whole, prospects for 1986 seem fairly rosy. Since the dramatic fall in the price of oil, the semi-official economic forecasting institute WIFO has raised its growth forecast to 3 per cent from 2.5 per cent and improved its prediction for the current account, which showed a four billion schilling deficit in 1984.

More problematic than the current account will be adherence to the country's hard currency policy. Although the National Bank persists in saying the schilling will continue to keep pace with the Deutschmark, officials admit privately that it cannot do so indefinitely unless Austria manages to bring other economic fundamentals into line. That the Austria's economy grew faster than West Germany's last year was exceptional, they say, and they point to their neighbour's huge current account surplus and almost non-existent inflation rate.

Austria's interest rate differential over West Germany was increased last month when the National Bank in Vienna did not follow the Bundesbank in Frankfurt in cutting leading rates. The bank said this was necessary because of the better performance of the German economy.

The revaluation this week of the schilling, which followed revaluation of the mark in the realignment of the European Monetary System, will hit Austrian exporters and the country's important tourist trade, already worried that the decline of the dollar will cause a dramatic drop in the number of high-spending American visitors.

A Special Correspondent



Franz Vranitzky, left, and Ferdinand Lacina, both stressing profit orientation

Partial view of advertisements on the right edge of the page, including "Why it drink" and "Nature & Culture".

Why it is good taste to drink the wine again

Rust, a Burgenland village, in March: During a busy two-day state visit to Austria, the West German president, Richard von Weizsäcker, squeezes in an opportunity to taste some Austrian wine.

The villagers smile and the cameras of the Austrian press record what is widely seen as an historic occasion, for no other West German can better reassure the Austrians that their wine will still be drunk abroad after the catastrophe of last summer than Herr von Weizsäcker.

Such reassurance is still necessary less than a year after the anti-freeze agent diethylene glycol was discovered by West German inspectors and Austrian bottles rapidly disappeared from the wine shops of Europe, the United States and Japan.

As wine growers went bankrupt - even the world-famous flagship of Austrian wine, the House of Lenz-Moser, virtually collapsed - those who had doctored the wines disappeared behind bars.

The agriculture ministry, therefore, worked out details of a proposed new law which it insisted would be the strictest in Europe.

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from. The code also contains provision for the immediate access to wine cellars by inspectors and police.

Although these measures may allay fears abroad, they have faced strict opposition from growers, who have consistently campaigned for tax reductions to help them cope with the added expense of all this bureaucracy.

Consumer still has a wide choice of the best wines

Eight out of ten people in Burgenland, Austria's easternmost and poorest province, are engaged in some way in cultivating grapes.

However, the consumer of Austrian wines is unlikely to find his choice narrowed by the new law once he crosses the country's borders.

Nonetheless, there are several respectable red wines which can be laid down for a few years. The Blaufränkisch, a grape originally from Charlemagne's Franconia, is the source of Burgenland's par excellence red wines.

to rich Austrian game dishes. The Zweigelt crossbreed found in the picturesque Wachau region of Austria along the Danube also produces some surprisingly smooth wines.

Among the whites, the Grüner Veltliner, which accounts for 30 per cent of all wines sold in the country, is pleasant, if a little thin at times, and is unique to Austria.

South of Graz, the capital of Styria, Austria's southernmost province, only a few miles from the Yugoslav frontier, the foothills of the Julian Alps are endowed with a grape which can be found in no other part of the world.

In the famous Heurigen taverns above the Austrian capital, there is in the autumn another refreshing drink made partly from grape juice and partly from wine, called, aptly in view of its strength, "Sturm".

All these drinks are still to be enjoyed in Austria without any ill effects beyond those normally associated with alcohol.

The house that Friedensreich built...

"We live in concrete concentration camps...we need colour, not anonymity, irregularity not symmetry," explained a bearded man, dressed in what seemed to be his pyjamas.



Hundertwasser and the unconventional creation (left) that caused the gasps

Herr Hundertwasser, a well-known and internationally celebrated Austrian painter, was opening what has become the most remarkable block of flats to have been built in Austria since the 1930s.

Sandwiched between tall, grey classical buildings the Hundertwasser house strikes a note of irrepressible Mediterranean exuberance.

The flats themselves are the culmination of a tradition of socialist housing which began in the years immediately after the First World War.

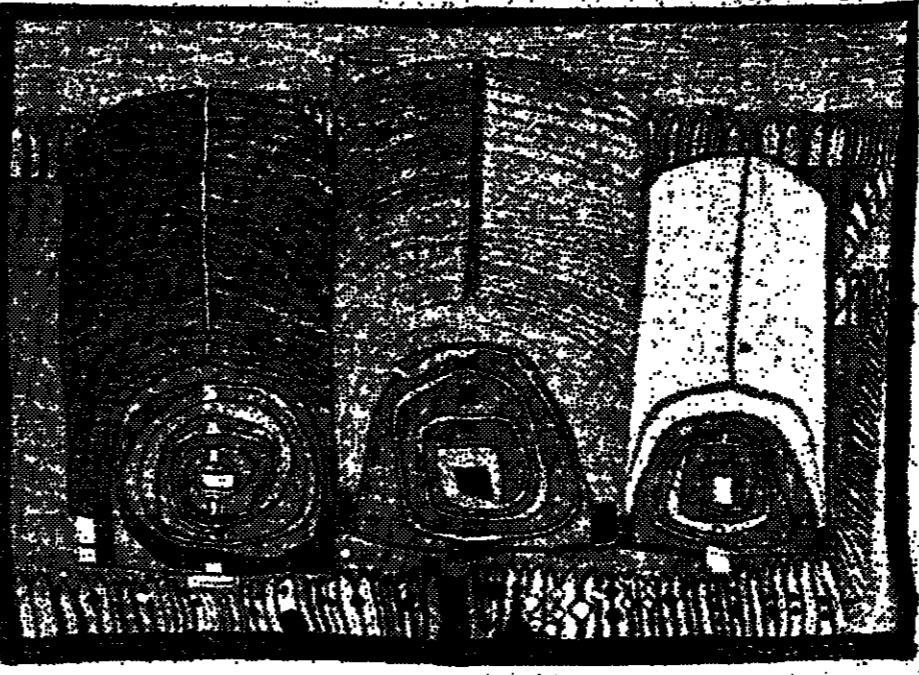
Earlier, during the 1930s, they had witnessed some of the most bloody fighting of the civil war.

...and made the whole of Vienna look twice

were employed by the Austrian army to demolish them, provoked universal condemnation from liberal opinion abroad.

admits, "and that is to build, without resorting to cliché, a truly unusual house."

These are remarks and ideas which will doubtless meet with approval when the Prince of Wales visits Vienna next week as patron of the "Britain



Another colourful work: the tapestry, 'Three Houses of Atlantis'

in Vienna" festival. Both Herr Hundertwasser and Prince Charles believe passionately in improving the urban environment and it will be interesting to see whether, like the last Prince of Wales to visit Vienna, the future Duke of Windsor, who insisted on seeing the Karl Marx Hof, Prince Charles finds time to experience what is a unique experiment in European housing.

Herr Hundertwasser's remarks, like those of the Prince of Wales, have angered many architects.

"It looks pretty now but in 10 years it will be a ruin," an architectural student of the distinguished Austrian architect, Hans Hollein, predicted confidently.

Herr Hundertwasser dismissed such criticism as "typical of the dictatorship of architectural dogma".

FESTIVAL EVENTS

"Britain in Vienna 1986", the festival of British art which runs from April to June, aims to present the achievements of young, creative people in the fields of fashion, the arts, design, theatre and music.

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THEATRE

April 14,15,16 National Theatre of Great Britain, Congreve's "Love for Love", Burgtheater

Tippett: Conducting

19,20 National Theatre, Sir Peter Hall's adaptation of "Animal Farm", Akademietheater

FILM

April 1-30 "The Great British Film" - British cinema retrospective, two screenings every day, 18.00 and 20.00, Österreichisches Filmmuseum

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SPORT TENNIS: WCT FINALS

Wilander comes back from the brink to overcome Kriek

Mats Wilander, the top seed, two sets down and trailing 5-3 in the third set, fought back to beat Johan Kriek in the quarter-finals of the \$500,000 World Championship of Tennis finals on Wednesday night in Dallas.

With defeat staring him in the face, Wilander refused to panic and stuck to his strategy. It worked. "I didn't try to do anything different at the end of the third set," he said. "I felt I was out of it and had lost the match. I just kept on playing."

With that in mind Wilander felt that Kriek, who had not beaten him in five attempts, probably felt the pressure more. Reading the American at first showed no nerves as he struggled free from a 15-40 deficit with an ace and a service winner. But two points away from winning the match, he netted a forehand and a relatively easy forehand volley.

RUGBY UNION: VALUE OF CHAMPIONSHIP IS STILL IMMENSE

Changing role for counties

The much-disparaged county championship, sponsored by Thorn EMJ, reaches its final at Twickenham tomorrow when Warwickshire play Kent. Administrators are constantly being told that the championship is dead, in terms of the practical advancement of English rugby, whereas, if the truth be known, its value continues to be immense, but at a different level.

The presidents of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Dorset and Wiltshire may have been pleased, after the qualifying rounds of this season's championship had been played, to receive a letter from "Chalky White, the Rugby Football Union's technical administrator for the South and South-West." "I am certain," Mr White wrote, "that some unqualified and unsubstantiated statements have been spread about the present format of the county championship."

Wales lack experience overseas

Ask any top player what is the greatest satisfaction he derives from rugby, apart from actually playing, and he will say that it is the opportunity to travel. The player who has done his share of globe-trotting will add that it enhances his awareness of what is required during intense competition away from the almost incessant close proximity of the five nations' championship.

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FOOTBALL

Watson moves to head of queue



Watson: back in contention for the trip to Mexico

Watson moves to head of queue

Three days, never mind a week, is a long time in football. Last Saturday the international aspirations of Dave Watson, the Norwich City centre back, were as flat as the East Anglian landscape. Now they are as high as Mexico itself.

EQUESTRIANISM

Pyrah lies second after fine round

From Jenny MacArthur, Göteborg Jeff McVean, of Australia, on the German bred Furst Z, was in the lead at the end of the first leg of the three-part Volvo World Cup final here last night.

The twisting course was described by Miller as confusing as it taxed the horses' concentration and offered several alternative approaches to the fences, putting a premium on experience.

GOLF

High winds take toll

High winds blew away the chances of a narrow, the holders, and Charterhouse, the favourites, in the first round of the Halford Hewitt Cup at Deal yesterday.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Brady is dropped

Liam Brady has been left out of the Republic of Ireland squad for the first time since he made his international debut more than 10 years ago.

Runaway success

Non-League football by Paul Newman Graham Allner, the manager of the Worcesteresters Senior Cup and the quarter-finals of the M & B Cup, a floodlit competition for leading non-League clubs in the Midlands.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

- FOOTBALL: GOLA LEAGUE: 1. Runcorn 1, Valhalla 0...
RUGBY LEAGUE: FOURTH DIVISION: Walsley 36, Wokington 20...

BASKETBALL

Bullets on target for first trophy

As Birmingham Bullets rejoiced yesterday after winning the inaugural British Masters tournament they must have felt grateful that the English Basketball Association refused their request three months ago to withdraw from the competition.

VOLLEYBALL

Top four set to do battle

England's four leading clubs are to contest the first Royal Bank play-offs next month. Polonia qualify as the league champions, Speedwell Rucator as runners-up.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Countdown to a showpiece

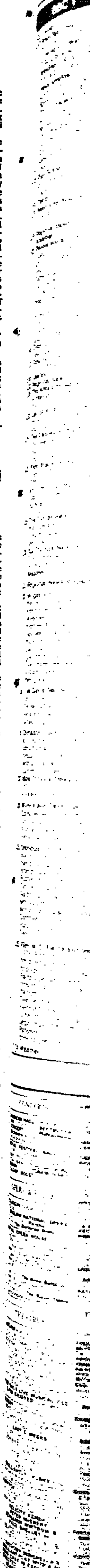
The procedure for ticket sales was announced yesterday for the American football game between the Super Bowl champions, Chicago Bears, and the Dallas Cowboys, which will be played at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, August 3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- FOOTBALL: FOURTH DIVISION: Grimsby v Millwall...
RUGBY LEAGUE: SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP...
OTHER SPORT: BOWLS: South Devon...
GOLF: Halford Hewitt Cup...
RACQUETS: Colston Open...
SWIMMING: Bath...
TAJ CHAIRING: Maltravul grand prix...

Entertainments

- WEST END THEATRE: BARONS...
MUSIC: NEW ALBUMS...
CINEMAS: GARDEN PLAZA...
BOOKS: THE MISTHOUND...
EVENTS: THE WINDMILL...
MUSIC: THE WINDMILL...



Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Jane Henderson and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

- 6.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Nick ...
6.30 News ...
9.25 Thames News headlines ...
10.30 Ceefax ...
10.50 After Noon ...
12.00 Regional News ...

TV-AM

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain with Anne Diamond ...
9.25 Thames News headlines ...
10.30 Ceefax ...
10.50 After Noon ...
12.00 Regional News ...

ITV LONDON

- 9.25 Thames News headlines ...
10.30 Ceefax ...
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12.00 Regional News ...



Sir Haw Wheldon: a tribute on BBC 1, 10.25pm

When I heard that Sir Haw Wheldon had died, the day ...

CHOICE

magazine Monitor: I shall think of the Omnibus ...

BBC 2

- 8.55 Open University Ethnic Minorities: Punjab to Britain ...
9.00 Outlook ...
9.25 Thames News ...

CHANNEL 4

- 2.20 The Landship's House. Last night's programme ...
2.35 This Afternoon ...
4.30 Countdown ...

Radio 4

- On long wave, VHF stereo ...
5.55 Farming 6.25 Prayer ...
6.30 Today ...
7.00 News ...
7.25 Farming ...

Radio 3

- On medium wave, except for VHF ...
1.00 The World at One: News ...
1.40 The Archers ...
2.00 News ...

WORLD SERVICE

- 6.00 News: 6.30 Menden 7.00 News ...
7.00 News: 7.30 Menden ...
8.00 News: 8.30 Menden ...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- GRANADA As London except ...
HTV WALES As London except ...
GRAMPAIN As London except ...
BORDER As London except ...

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

- BARBERS HALL 6.00-7.00 ...
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 8.00 ...
ASTORIA THEATRE Box Off ...

OPERA & BALLET

- ROYAL OPERA HOUSE Covent ...
ASTORIA THEATRE Box Off ...

THEATRES

- ANDERSON 8.30-9.30 ...
BARBERS HALL 6.00-7.00 ...
ASTORIA THEATRE Box Off ...

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Political hypocrisy at Games

Soviets' part in S African gymnastics

An event takes place here today and tomorrow in the Johannesburg Centenary South African Games which makes a mockery of the international anti-apartheid blockade of South African sport. At the centre of this controversial competition lies the hypocrisy of the Soviet Union and its allies.

From David Miller, Johannesburg. An American anti-apartheid campaign, led by Arthur Ashe, the former Wimbledon champion, protested to the gymnastics officials and the issue is expected to be raised on their return.

well be competing in the next world championships or the Olympic Games in Seoul, alongside Soviet gymnasts. Hugo Olivier, the president of the South African Gymnastics Federation, believes that they have retained their international affiliation because they have put no pressure on the international federation or IOC by attempting to compete in the world championships or Olympics.



Fully stretched: Miroslav Mezir, of Czechoslovakia, on his way to a first-round defeat at the hands of Paul Annacone, of the United States, at the World Championship of Tennis finals in Dallas. (Report page 30).

Safety in boxing is under review

New safety measures are to be newly examined by one of boxing's main controlling bodies as a result of another ring tragedy. South Africa, which has strong representation on the World Boxing Association's executive, is to propose that referees be obliged to stop bouts earlier, as soon as a boxer is groggy. Other measures are also being considered.

South African medical experts have been working on designs for new boxing gloves. Dr Clive Noble, the boxing board's medical adviser, came up with the worrying conclusion that standard boxing gloves lose 46 per cent of their cushioning properties after about 50 punches.

Lesser lights set the target

Bill Kratzert has won only once in the last six years, but his lack of success did not hinder his progress in the fifteenth US Masters as he put together a four-under-par first round of 68 on the Augusta National course here yesterday. Kratzert, aged 33, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, established the early target with a round that included five birdies. He was later joined at the top of the leader board by his compatriot, Ken Green.

ward half of 35 with a superb approach to one foot for a birdie at the ninth (435yd) but he followed another birdie at the long thirteenth by taking six at the fifteenth (503yd). Bernhard Langer, the defending champion, and Sandy Lyle had their troubles. Langer, who dropped a shot at each of the last two holes, completed a 74, while Lyle, following an adventurous start, took 76. The Open champion was compelled to hole from 12ft to scramble a par at the first. He came out of a green-side bunker to 30ft and holed for a birdie at the long second, then dropped shots at both the third and fourth holes. A pulled one-iron into the trees cost Lyle another shot at the eighth and he took three to get down from the edge at the next.

Botham will have to be quick

With the start of the fifth Test match here today, England have a last chance of salvaging something, however small, from their ill-fated tour. There are few grounds for hope - except hope itself. To have been alive when England last beat West Indies it is already necessary to have been born before April 6, 1974, and it is hard to think that this span is not about to be extended, anyway until June 1988, when West Indies come to England next.

Immunity from defeat can be a dangerous anodyne. As yet, though, it shows no sign of affecting these present West Indians and there is nowhere that Richards would rather complete a second successive "blackwash" over England than within barely a mile of where he was born.

Advertisement for Hill Samuel Investment Services. Includes text: "Did you think Building Societies were predictable?" and "Over the last 10 years, the Building Societies have had their ups and downs." Includes contact information for Philip Barnes at Hill Samuel Investment Services Limited.

Britain are in line for medal

Great Britain fought furiously to beat India in the Champions Trophy Tournament here yesterday to put themselves in line for a medal. But they must wait for the outcome of today's matches between Pakistan and Australia and the Netherlands and West Germany. Goal difference may solve the tangle should Pakistan and the Netherlands win.

Marathon runs into trouble

The London Marathon faces a drastic reduction in its number of participants from next year. The problem has arisen because of the lack of assurance from the Prime Minister and from Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport, over the continuing use of County Hall and adjacent space near the race finish.

Cricketers protest

The Cricketers Association voiced their disapproval yesterday at the cancellation of the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe legs of this winter's England B tour. In a statement issued on behalf of the 130 members at their meeting in Edgbaston by their chairman, Geoff Cook, the Northampton captain, they also called for the International Cricket Conference to ensure its own rules and regulations are fully observed by all its members in future.

Lea dismissed

Colchester United have dismissed their manager, Cyril Lea, and the player-coach, Stuart Houston. Martin Bennett, secretary of the fourth division club, said that neither figured in future managerial plans. Mike Walker, the former first-team goalkeeper, who has been running the reserve team, will be the caretaker manager until the end of the season.

Willey doubt

Peter Willey, who flew home on Wednesday from England's cricket tour of the West Indies after damaging his right knee on a training run, underwent surgery in a Northampton hospital yesterday. A hospital spokesman said later that Willey was resting comfortably.

Douglas wins

Desmond Douglas beat Bruno Parienti, of France, 21-19, 21-16, 21-13, in the second round of the European table tennis championships in Prague yesterday after being 18-19 down in the first game.

Cricketer school

Yorkshire County Cricket Club yesterday announced plans to convert a disused warehouse into a cricket school, at a cost of £500,000. The building is opposite the Herbert Sutcliffe gates at Headingley.

Experts working on new gloves

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Paul Martin

Wait verdict, page 28

Rebel tour

A party of New Zealand All Blacks will leave Wellington on Sunday for a series of rugby union international matches in South Africa, the Auckland Star reported on Thursday. The newspaper understands that the party would be joined by eight All Blacks taking part next week in the International Rugby Board centenary matches in Britain.

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